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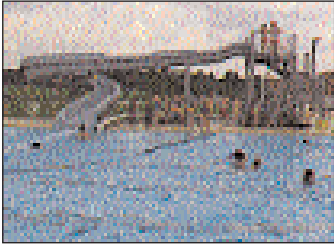
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Lending a helping hand

*Task Force Neighborhood
continues to roll as word
of its success spreads*

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Building upon a successful outing in the al-Noor neighborhood in northwest Baghdad, Task Force Neighborhood focused its efforts Monday on the al-Hurriyah neighborhood, situated approximately two miles to the southeast in north central Baghdad.

Utilizing the unique approach of “maximum immediate effort for maximum immediate results,” the Task Force soldiers joined local citizens in an all-out, one-day effort of reconstruction and clean-up.

Beginning at 9 a.m., soldiers from 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, as well as engineers from the 130th Engineer Brigade, busied themselves on a variety of projects in the local area.

“We’ve got soldiers welding a metal door on a school down the street; we’ve restocked a medical clinic (formerly a Fedayeen building) around the corner; we’ve been hiring workers; and we’re still cleaning up the large amount of garbage everywhere,” explained Maj. Bernie Lindstrom, battalion executive officer, 130th Eng. Bde.

“Everything you saw a couple of days ago (at al-Noor) is here today (in al-Hurriyah). Our intent is not to do stuff for them, but rather get the community energized to provide serv-

ices for themselves. We provide the spark and the impetus for change at the local level,” he added.

From behind a shower of sparks, Pfc. Ramarcus Ogan, a metalworker with the 535th Engineer Company, braced a steel door while grinding off the rough spots.

“I normally do welding, but today we’re hinging and hanging doors,” said the Clarksville, Tenn. native.

Oblivious to the crowd of schoolchildren looking over his shoulder, Sgt. Roland Greuel, a masonry specialist with B Co., 142nd Engineer Battalion, steadily replaced wooden desktops at the school. Taking a breather and wiping the sweat from his forehead, the Glyndon, Minn. native explained his motivation.

“I’ve got kids myself and I love working with them. You can just look at them and tell they appreciate it,” he said.

Using cooperation from local citizens in conjunction with U.S. soldiers and their equipment is the foundation upon which the Task Force Neighborhood, a V Corps initiative, is built.

By limiting the scope of the projects to one-day initiatives, immediate impact is made and results can be immediately enjoyed. Task Force Neighborhood, while only in the beginning stages, appears to be enjoying critical early success, judging by the reactions of the neighborhoods it has operated in.



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Sgt. Roland Greuel, a masonry specialist with B Co., 142nd Engineer Battalion, native replaces wooden desktops and seats at the school.

ADC-M looks to future; remembers past

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

Another page has turned and a new chapter will soon begin for Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin III and his wife, Charlene, as they prepare for their move from Fort Stewart to Fort Drum, N.Y.

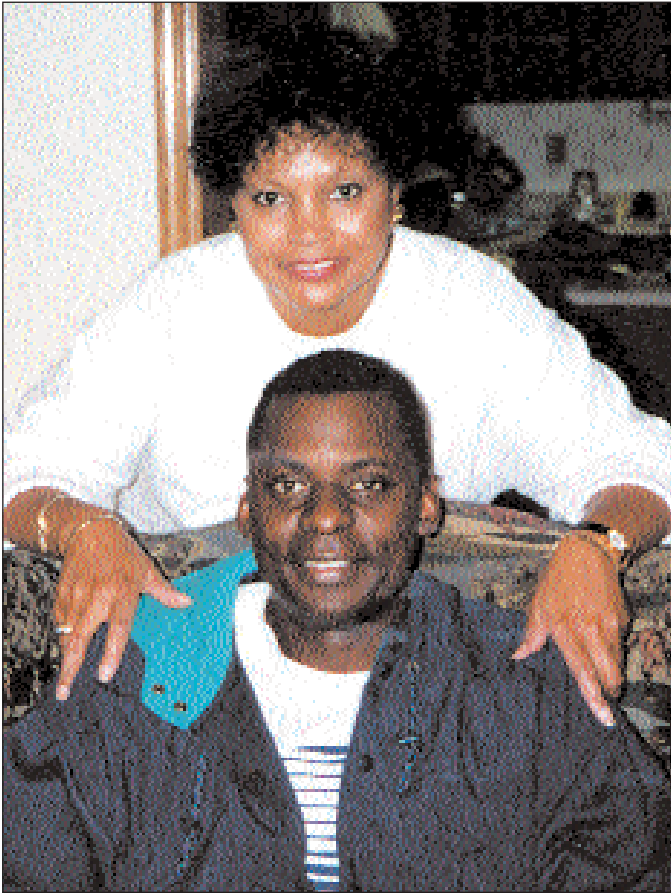
The assistant division commander for maneuver was selected to become the new commanding general of 10th Mountain Division after he was nominated by the President of the United States for promotion to major general May 13.

“Fort Drum is still in XVIII Airborne Corps. Charlene and I have been there before and it’s good to be going back. We’re looking forward to it,” Austin said. “There are only 10 divisions in the Army and to be selected to lead one is truly an honor.”

Austin is no stranger to 10th Mountain Division. He first served with the division in June 1989 as operations officer, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry and later became the battalion’s executive officer. In June 1991 he became executive officer of 1st Infantry Brigade, 10th Mountain Div., and later, in October 1992, director of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security for U.S. Army Garrison.

Austin said, “I think any time you can spend time with soldiers; it helps prepare you for positions for greater responsibility. I’ve been lucky; I’ve been the ADC-M for two years. Not many get to do that, and not many get to lead a division in combat.”

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Courtesy photo

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin III, ADC-M, and his wife Charlene share a tender moment in front of the camera while at home.

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Several U.S. troops were killed by hostile actions or accidents in Iraq over the past few days as U.S., coalition and Iraqi operations to enhance law and order in that Middle East country continued.

Two U.S. Army soldiers were killed and nine injured during a May 27 firefight with hostile forces near Fallujah, according to a U.S. Central Command press release. The release noted the aggressors attacked the American troops with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire from a mosque, which is a violation of the law of war.

The U.S. soldiers’ response killed two

enemy troops, according to the release, while six were captured.

CENTCOM also reported that another soldier drowned May 26 after diving into an aqueduct located south of the Iraqi town of Kirkuk.

Also on May 26, the command reported that one American soldier was killed and three injured when a Humvee apparently ran over a land mine or unexploded ordnance. In a separate incident on the same day, CENTCOM reported that a collision between a U.S. forces’ Humvee and a tractor-trailer killed one American soldier and injured two.

In addition, a U.S. military convoy was

Army lifts OIF ‘stop movement’ order

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — With the victory in Iraq, the Army is lifting its “stop movement” order issued earlier this year so that soldiers will soon be able to report to their next assignment.

The “stop loss” measures — keeping soldiers in certain job specialties and in selected units from leaving active duty — is also expected to be incrementally lifted in the near future.

Between December and February, the Army executed an active-component unit stop move and stop loss to stabilize forces preparing for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Army Personnel Command officials said. With the cessation of OIF major combat operations, they said the Army is lifting “stop move” to again distribute soldiers across the force, to satisfy readiness and professional development needs.

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**Iraq remains
dangerous for U.S.
troops; Security
operations
continue**

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841st helps beautify Stewart

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Staff Writer

When the 841st Engineer Battalion, headquartered out of Miami, was called to active duty they had planned on going to Iraq to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom, but as always plans change and their mission was cancelled.

They have been here since March and decided that they should put their 511 soldiers to use and volunteered their services to Fort Stewart, said Maj. Mark Jammell, 841st battalion commander.

Two of the four projects are not the normal jobs of a combat engineer. They had to go within the companies and find soldiers with experience in these fields in their civilian lives.

Some of the duties of a combat engineer are constructing trails, roads and field fortifications such as shelters and bunkers, operating various light or heavy engineer vehicles, loading, unloading and moving supplies and equipment using planes, helicopters, trucks and amphibious vehicles. They are also responsible for operating or serving as a crewmember on a combat engineer vehicle, armored vehicle launch bridge or an armored combat earthmover, and preparing and installing firing systems for demolition and explosives.

Jammell said the team's first project was the renovation of five apartment units in Hallwood Homes.

The apartments were condemned and inhabitable and were going to be torn down, according to 1st Sgt. William Shaferi, B company 841st Engineer Battalion.

"We patched up holes in the walls, painted, put in new smoke alarms, fixed the air conditioning and fixed leaks in pipes," said Shafer.

The deadline for the completion of the ren-

ovation was Wednesday, he said. It will provide more housing for soldiers when they return from their current deployments.

The second project that they worked on was the 1,800-foot sidewalk that was being laid out on both sides of "Warriors Walk," said Command Sgt. Maj. Daryl Lynem, 841st Engineer Battalion command sergeant major.

"We are proud to have this opportunity to come out and build this project and give back to the families," said 1st Lt. Brian Swanner, project manager.

Along with the sidewalk there will be bricks lined up on both sides of the sidewalk and a foot bridge at the end of the sidewalk, he said.

The third project is the making of a 12-foot high berm, Lynem said. This is being built due to force protection.

It will enclose natural gas tanks and protect the surrounding building in case of an explosion, he said.

The construction process begins by loading dump trucks full of dirt and then dispensing the dirt at the berm site, said Capt. Brandon Crull, support platoon leader.

Once the dump trucks are emptied a bulldozer will spread the dirt. This process will continue until the designated height and width are met, he said.

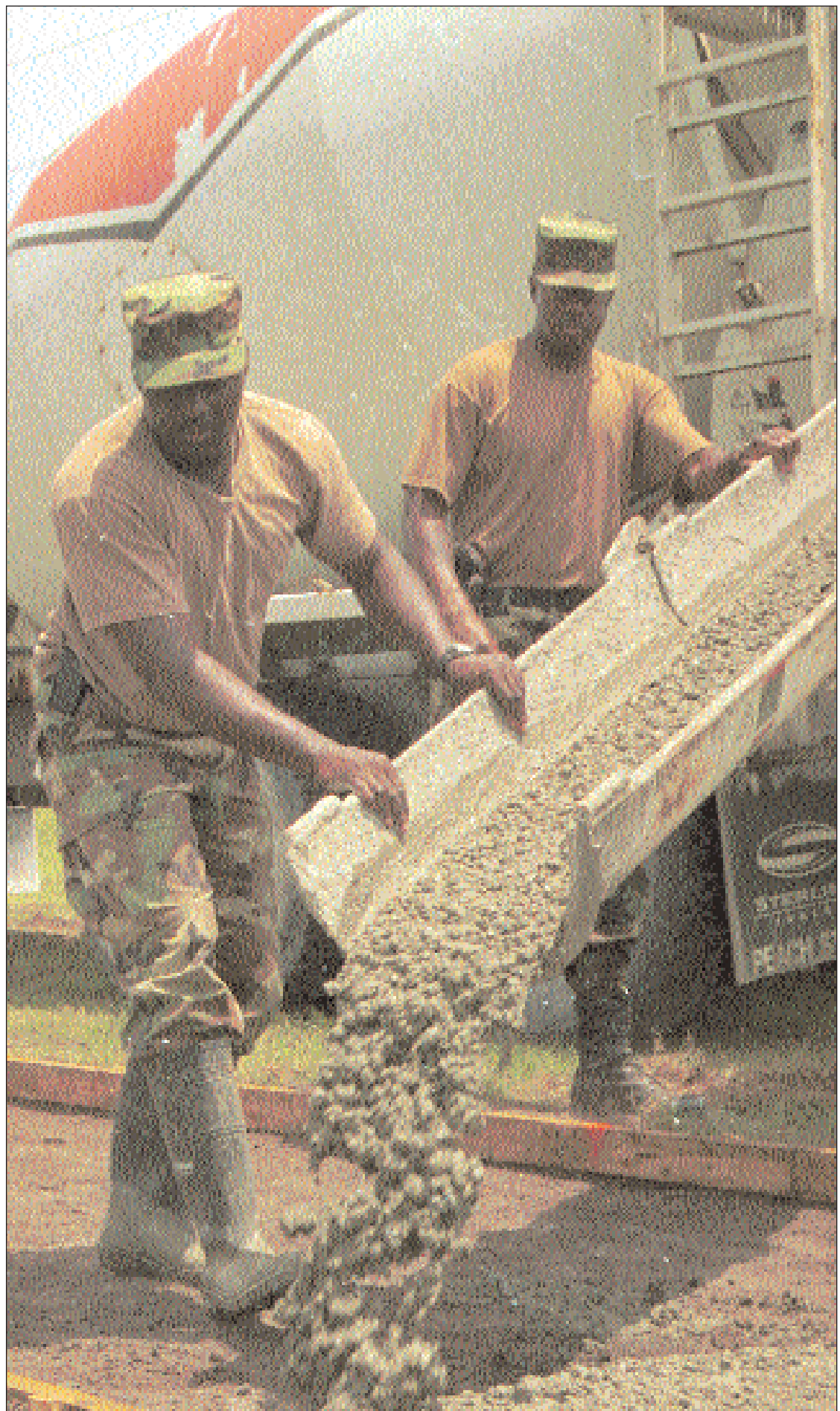
The fourth project is another force protection issue, Lynem said. C company, 841st placed eight-foot oak poles at vulnerable areas at the outskirts of post. Hopefully, this will deter people from illegally entering the post.

In front of the poles, pine trees are being planted so in the future when the poles deteriorate the trees will take their place, said Capt. Shaun Butler, platoon leader of C Co.

The 841st Engineer Battalion is playing a big part in the beautification and redesigning of Fort Stewart and none of this would be possible without the engineers volunteering their services.



Staff Sgt. Michael Carter bulldozes dirt on top of the berm. This helps even out the dirt in order to reach the designated height.



Photos by Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Staff Sgt. Larry Kee and Staff Sgt. Gary White spread cement in the foundation of the sidewalk



Soldier plants a pine tree in front of an eight-foot oak pole. The tree and the pole will help with force protection. It will hopefully deter unauthorized personnel from entering the post.



(Above) Master Sgt. Herbert Harper skims across the top of the cement with a rake made for cement. This gets rid of the excess of water and gives the cement a nice smooth look.

(Below) A dump truck dumps a load of dirt on top of the berm that is being built to enclose gas tanks.



Coasties keep shores safe

Pfc. Emily Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

In many areas of the United States, orange is not a natural color to see in the sky, at least not during daylight, but in Savannah, especially around local beaches and ports, it can be seen quite frequently.

The orange is the warm hue of a Coast Guard helicopter, usually carrying a routine port security mission out of the agency's air station on Hunter Army Airfield, commanded by U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Gail Donnelly.

The Coast Guard officially transferred from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security March 1, but ever since Sept. 11, 2001, its mission has branched out from one that consisted primarily of "search and rescue" to include, in fact emphasize, the protection of America's ports from any outside threat.

As a part of this new objective, the Coast Guard air station regularly flies port security missions so they can ensure there are no suspicious activities or vessels hovering shadily around friendly ports.

"When we fly, we pretty much just look for anything out of the ordinary," said Lt. j.g. Brian Waring, a Coast Guard pilot who participates in the port patrols. "When you fly over the same area as often as we do, you notice if something is different or out of place."

The Savannah air station's area of responsibility stretches from the North Carolina/South Carolina border down to Cape Canaveral, but during regular port security flights, Hunter's Coast Guard pilots cover the areas from Jacksonville, Fla., up to Charleston, S.C. Frequent flights are made over the Port of Savannah, Tybee Island, Hilton Head and the surrounding areas.

Waring, with Lt. j.g. Dan Deutermann, pilot, and Aviation Machinist Technician 2nd Class John Monteleone, explained different aspects of the port security mission from behind the controls of a Coast Guard HH-65B Dolphin helicopter.

The French-manufactured Dolphin, a multi-engine helicopter, is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, and also



Pfc. Emily Danial

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Hill, avionics technician, checks the voltage on the emergency locator battery of an HH-65B Dolphin, used to conduct port security.

has retractable landing gear, unlike American-made helicopters.

"It has an auto-pilot that will even let the aircraft hover a certain number of feet above the water during a search and rescue mission," said Waring. "That's more than you can say for American helicopters."

Flying over Elba Island, the location of a facility storing huge tanks of liquified natural gas, the crew pointed out a large ship docking at the island's port.

"Part of our job is to make sure a Coast Guard boat is

down there at the port," said Deutermann, explaining that the nature of the ship's cargo posed an even greater need for security.

After surveying the port on a closer level and spotting the orange gleam of the desired boat, Deutermann and Waring were able to continue on their course, satisfied that everything was under control.

As a new member of the recently born DHS, the Coast Guard has been taking preventative measures such as these to continue to keep a watchful eye over our home sweet home.

Coast Guard rescues 3 from floundering sailboat

Lt. j.g. Matt Sanford
Coast Guard Air Station Savannah

A Coast Guard helicopter was diverted from a training mission with Coast Guard Station Tybee May 19 at 9:40 pm to a vessel aground and taking on water 25 miles south of their home base at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah.

The crew of the HH-65 Dolphin Helicopter returned briefly to Hunter for additional fuel and a dewatering pump arriving on scene in St. Catherine's Sound at 10:10 pm.

The 50-foot motor sail vessel Madagascar Jack had run aground on a sand bar, broken her rudder and taken on three feet of water.

The vessel was healing precariously in the five to seven feet breaking surf. Sea Tow was in the vicinity but after multiple attempts was unable to reach Madagascar Jack because of the water depth and breaking surf.

As visibility in rain showers decreased and wind increased past 25 knots, the decision to evacuate the three people was made. Pilot at the controls, Lt. John Hollingsworth of St Augustine Florida maneuvered the helicopter

6551 into position by completing a difficult night vision goggle approach to the water. The three crewman of Madagascar Jack were instructed to enter their inflatable dingy, tethered to the railing of the vessel because the wind angle and rigging of the vessel made it too dangerous to hoist directly to the boat. All three persons were recovered without incident from the water adjacent the dingy by the helicopter rescue swimmer who remained attached to the helicopter via the hoist cable.

The helicopter aircrew and survivors returned safely to Hunter Army Airfield in reduced visibility, low cloud ceilings and rain.

All three people were released after it was determined that medical treatment was not required.

Taking on water and without power, the crew of the Madagascar Jack notified the Coast Guard via a hand held VHF-FM Marine Band radio without which, assistance from both Sea Tow and the Coast Guard would have been disastrously delayed. To their credit, crewmembers wisely donned life jackets and the master ignited a hand held flare as the helicopter approached, confirming position, distinguishing them from other distracting lights and expediting safe rescue.

Memorial Day:
3rd mourns fallen comrades

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III
3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) commanding general

Memorial Day this year brings on new significance for the 3rd Infantry Division. Thirty-nine Marne soldiers died liberating an oppressed people from a brutal dictator. We have had time to mourn our fallen comrades since combat operations have ebbed, as many units have begun the process of closure with memorial services.

As we stood and listened to the first sergeant call the company roster, in the back of your mind there was a fleeting hope that you would hear the voice of the soldier announce he is present. The long silence, followed by the strains of Taps, quickly reminded you that, no, he is gone.

The loss of even one soldier pains me, and our thoughts and prayers are with the families of soldiers who also

paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Operation Iraqi Freedom also created tens of thousands of new combat veterans, nearly twenty thousand from our division alone. For Marne soldiers, memories of fallen comrades will linger, and a holiday that once meant the beginning of summer will take on new significance.

From now on, soldiers will have a deep emotional connection to Memorial Day. They will remember their fallen comrades while also feeling thankful for their own survival.

Whether or not they actually knew any of those killed, there is a common sense of purpose among the soldiers that produces a common sense of loss.

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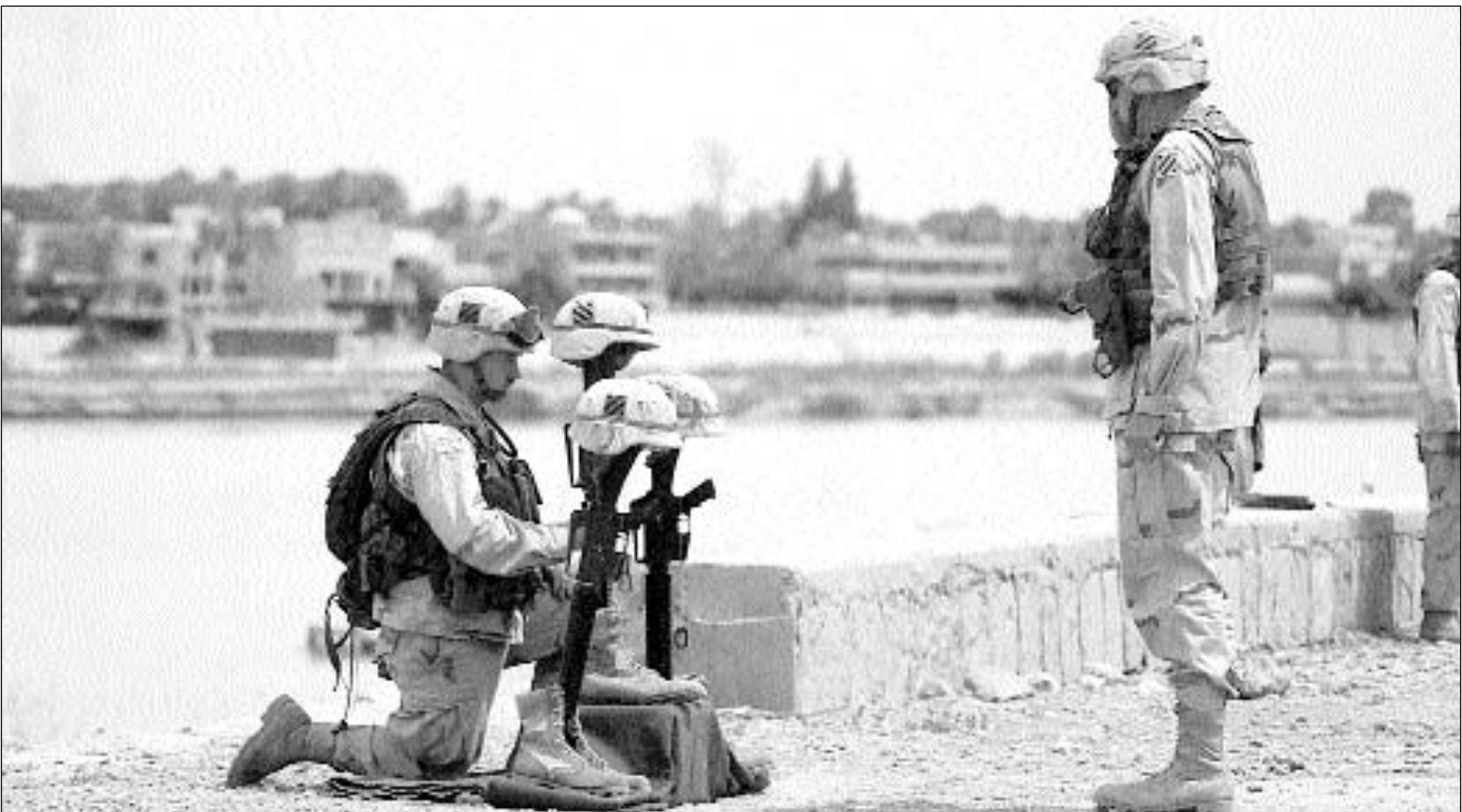


Memorial Day in Iraq was otherwise nearly indistinguishable from most any of the other days on-duty in Baghdad since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime. Monday meant another 24 hours of patrolling neighborhoods, guarding checkpoints and rebuilding efforts in tough 100-degree heat. Marne soldiers have been working hard every day, on point for the Nation.

I couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments and their continued hard work to ensure a safe and secure environment for the people of Iraq. Liberty is always the achievement of courage.

Thanks to our courageous Marne soldiers, liberty has been achieved for the once oppressed people of Iraq.

"Rock of the Marne"



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Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general salutes a memorial during the Memorial Day service held in Baghdad. During the ceremony, the names of the fallen soldiers followed by the playing of Taps.

'Concerning matters of consequence'

Sgt. Sam Hoffman
Staff Writer

"I am concerned with matters of consequence," said the businessman to the little prince.

How many times have we heard our superiors at all levels tell us something similar; that they are too busy to take care of their soldiers?

It seems like too often.

And what constitutes a "matter of consequence?"

The businessman's "matter of consequence" was his own wealth. The title character in Antoine de St. Exupery's classic novel learns some valuable lessons about life on his journey to earth. While the little prince was traveling across the galaxy to find a way to save a flower that is unique in the entire universe, the businessman was worried about wealth that is worth absolutely nothing anyway, because he lives on a planet all by himself.

In the book, "matters of consequence" are inconsequential, when relative to balance in the universe.

More than 200,000 coalition troops are serving in Iraq and even more are around the world fighting terrorism. When a soldier asks his or her leaders for something, he or she needs that help in order to grow as a soldier, noncommissioned officer, or officer. It's a real tragedy for the Army when leaders are too busy with "matters of consequence" to take care of soldiers, when many times they aren't too busy to check E-mail.

Once leaders blow off the concerns of their subordinates, we turn ourselves into the businessman, or the king or the geographer, two other people the little prince meets on his trip.

The king is one, who holds supreme reign over everything, but he has no subjects. He too lives on a planet by him-

self. The little prince visits the king and is immediately ordered around.

"He did not know how the world is simplified for kings. To them, all men are subjects," said St. Exupery. The king knows only that he is superior to everyone and that his orders must be followed, but as the little prince's encounter unfolds, he realizes that the king really controls nothing at all. He just gives out nonsensical commands. The king wants him to stay, because he is someone for the king to order around.

The king even goes so far as to order the sun to set at 20 minutes to eight, because he knows his order will be obeyed. The little prince shortly leaves, because it becomes boring to listen to the king.

I think most of us find people like the king boring.

"Here at last is a man who has a real profession," said the little prince when he met the geographer. The geographer is portrayed as a government official. He has a prestigious title, a nice office and like a stereotypical government official, is also unwilling to do any work. He doesn't even know what's on his own planet.

"Your planet is very beautiful," the little prince said. "Has it any oceans?"

"I couldn't tell you," said the geographer.

"But you are a geographer!"

"Exactly," the geographer said. "But I am not an explorer. I haven't a single explorer on my planet." Then he tells the little prince how it isn't his job to look for trees, towns and mountains etc, because he is too important for "loafing about." Like the king, the geographer is not interested in the little prince's issues. He is only interested in "matters of con-

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sequence." Just like the king, the geographer wants him for personal benefit and asks the little prince to be his explorer.

He declines, and continues on to Earth.

The little prince gets very frustrated with these "ridiculous" people he meets who are unwilling to help him.

I think we all know at least one person like the three characters cited. St. Exupery depicted these people in such an outlandish way, with repetitive behavior, because he wanted to show his readers how dangerous they are.

It is important to understand that "The Little Prince" was written during the late 1930's when Hitler's armies were waging devastation on Europe. St. Exupery was a French fighter pilot during WWII and recognized what was going on in the world and wrote this book to remind people of their responsibility.

He used the metaphor of baobab trees as Nazis. As long as the little prince dug them up when they were sprouts, his planet was safe. But if they were left alone, they would take over the planet.

"A baobab is something you will never, never be able to get rid of if you attend to it too late," St. Exupery said. "Watch out for the baobabs!"

There are "baobabs" in the world today. They are the terrorists and the regimes that harbor them. The president realizes this and wants to "dig them up" before they "split" the planet. If St. Exupery was alive today, I'm sure he would agree and call the terrorists and Saddam Hussein's regime "baobabs."

Sgt. Hoffman's recommended reading: St. Exupery, Antoine "The Little Prince" Available from Sgt. Hoffman upon request.

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

Why is it important to remember our Veterans ?



"Because they made a conscious choice knowing their life is in the balance."

Sgt. 1st Class Mattie Kinard
3220th GSU



"It is the least that we can do to honor those who have served honorably during peace or war."

Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Mateo-Morales
172nd Medical Det.



"Because these are the people who pledged their lives for their country."

1st Sgt. Malvin Williams
3220th GSU



"Because of the things they do for our country."

Charles Byrd
Family Member



"Because they are giving their lives for us."

Suyapa Kroger
Family Member



"It is important to recognize the people who have served the country and have become our heroes."

Spc. Tanya Brame
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AUSTIN

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During his tour as commander of 10th Mountain Div., he and his soldiers will deploy to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom to fight the Global War on Terrorism.

“I will go from one theater to another in combat working with brigade commanders,” he said. “We just fought a major war, and we’re still engaged in conflict in Afghanistan.”

Austin is currently deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he played a key role as the ADC-M.

“The ADC-M fights the close fight, maneuvers the brigades, allocates resources, adjusts boundaries and gives guidance to brigade commanders,” he said. “We saw more paramilitary forces than we thought we would see, but we fought just as we had planned with a few minor changes.”

Austin began his military career by attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

He said his decision to go into the military goes with the decision to attend the academy because when a student goes to the academy; he incurs a five-year obligation to serve in the Army.

He added that he felt the Army would give him a good foundation for the future, and by choosing the academy, he could choose his first job.

One factor that aided Austin in attending West Point was the community in his hometown of Thomasville, Ga.

Austin said, “I couldn’t get to West Point without good people in the community doing things to help develop me, mentor me and provide assistance and guidance for me.”

He continued, “I’m proud to be from Thomasville, it’s a great community. Thomasville has produced sports legends, civic leaders and military leaders. There are some very warm, helpful and caring people in the community. To produce the civic leaders, sports figures and other leaders that come out of Thomasville, you have to be a special place.”

The Austins are also no strangers to 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized).

The general’s first assignment in May 1976 as a second lieutenant was as platoon leader with A Company, 1st Bn., 7th Inf., 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) in Germany. After being promoted to first lieutenant, he became a scout platoon leader for Combat Support Co., 1/7 Inf. in January 1978.

“I’ve been a platoon leader, company

commander, battalion commander and brigade commander, the G-3 at 82nd Airborne Div., chief of joint operations on the Joint Staff and the ADC-M,” Austin said. “Those are very, very tough jobs. Those jobs teach you a lot and empower you.”

He continued, “The total experience helps prepare you for command. This is kind of like a building block developmental process. You have to command a company before you can command a battalion. You have to command a battalion before you can command a brigade. I’ve been in every type of infantry division in the Army, light, airborne and mechanized.

“Those other jobs as the G-3 and on the joint staff are all part of the process, also.

“I think all those experiences will help empower me to do the right thing. This (job) is one of those things,” Austin said.

Throughout Austin’s career, his wife, Charlene, has been by his side providing support and watching him rise through the ranks.

She said, “Lloyd possesses tremendous faith. To me, that strong faith says, ‘you can lean on me.’ His great faith encourages me to be strong in my military community outreach, holds me up, and keeps me grounded. It’s his faith that helps me to understand his love of his soldiers, his Army and his Nation.”

She said spousal support in the military is important because “as your spouse progresses through the ranks their responsibilities increase, they become leaders, decision-makers, their time is not their own, they are given tasks that have immense impact. I know that it is critical that I am there for ‘him’ when he needs my support and understanding.”

Austin said, “A major part of my success has been the great support of my family and my wife. She has been right there by my side and has been very supportive of me.”

In almost 28 years of military service, Austin has many highlights to his career.

“It would be difficult to pinpoint the milestones of my career. Certainly one of the milestones of my success can be attributed to the kinds of folks I’ve worked with,” Austin said. “You have to work hard and be willing to go one step farther to ensure the safety, welfare and training of soldiers. I enjoy leading soldiers.”

Charlene said, “We enjoy being with soldiers and their families.”



Master Sgt. Emma Krouser

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin III, ADC-M, receives a battlefield update during the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As the ADC-M, Austin fights the close fight, maneuvers the brigades, allocates resources, adjusts boundaries and gives guidance to brigade commanders

BIAP meteorologists return to work

Spc. Jacob Boyer

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi meteorologists who forecast weather at Baghdad International Airport returned to their weather station to begin work for the first time since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom May 24.

Weather forecasters from the 15th Aviation Support Operations Squadron have been forecasting around the airport since arriving there April 6, said Air Force Staff Sgt. Julie Moretto, weather forecaster, 15th ASOS. According to international standards, both military and civilian pilots must receive a weather briefing before flying.

"We're going to continue to have the military take military observations," she said. "But if we're eventually going to turn the airport back over to the Iraqi civilians, we need civilian operators doing their job for civil aviation."

The meteorologists, who work for the Iraqi Meteorological Organization, were glad to be getting back to work, but apprehensive about seeing the destruction their building suffered when looters came through.

"When you come back and see the station down like this, it's a very sad thing," said Selim Al-Sadi, a meteorologist who has worked at the airport for 42 years. "But hopefully, we can get it back to working condition and give the pilots anything they need for civil aviation."

Moretto trained two of the forecasters to use the forecasting equipment the Air Force brought with them.

"The Iraqis know how to forecast, but they don't understand the equipment," she said. "Before, they were using different methods to report the weather than the rest of the world. Since we both speak in weather terms, it's fairly easy to teach them."

The Iraqis made their first readings on the equipment, and Moretto helped them upload it to the Internet so anyone in the world could look up the data they had collected.

The IMO has not received new equipment in over 20 years because Saddam Hussein's regime made it a low priority, said Muhaned M. Shafic, director general of the IMO.

"We had three wars in the past 20 years," he said. "Saddam didn't want to buy weather equipment, he wanted to buy rockets and bombs."

Another obstacle for the forecasters to overcome will be the lack of historical meteorological records, said Air Force Maj. Dave Coxwell, weather flight commander, 15th ASOS. The records were lost when looters in Baghdad destroyed the IMO headquarters.

"Unless you know something about the climatology of a location, you can't accurately

forecast the weather," he said. "It's a tremendous loss, both culturally and historically. It will take them years to get that kind of data put together again."

Shafic said that with the lifting of United Nations sanctions and the support of the United States, the IMO would be better than ever. He predicted the station at Baghdad International would be fully operational in about a month.

"We've got a very good staff dealing with things," he said. "All they need now is the new equipment. We're a very rich country. With the help of the U.S., we're now free to do what we need to do."

The IMO is the oldest meteorological society in the Middle East, Shafic said. It was established in 1923 and has more than 50 meteorological and four seismological stations throughout Iraq. The station at Baghdad International is the first to be revived since hostilities ended.

3rd Inf. Div.(Mech.), 1st Arm. Div. soldiers provide joint security for propane distribution

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After a nearly three-month absence, liquid propane gas bottles were once again distributed for sale to the citizens of Baghdad for personal income use May 21.

Clearing the way for full-scale distribution of the essential cooking supply, the Iraq Ministry of Oil set the standard price of 250 dinars per bottle, established a one-for-one exchange requirement to prevent hoarding, and asked the U.S. military to provide security for government vehicles from the two major bottling plants to the 18 government-run distribution sites throughout the city.

"Liquid propane gas is used by 99 percent of the population for cooking," explained Capt. Eric Strong, troop commander of H Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division.

"One bottle can last a normal family of five for approximately 22 days. If they are doing a lot of cooking, such as baking bread, a bottle will only last about seven days," added Strong.

In addition to 1st Armored Division's H Troop, 3rd Infantry Division's D Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment as well as elements from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment combined to escort the delivery vehicles and provide on-site security at the various distribution points throughout Baghdad.

Accompanying each team, a Psychological Operations vehicle with loudspeakers and an interpreter stood ready should the crowds become unruly.

"We have a scripted level of response depending on the disposition of the crowd," explained Capt. Randall Cartmill, commander of Tactical PSYOP Detachment 1210, 315th PSYOP Company based in

Upland, Calif.

"Like any commodity that hasn't been available for over two months, a lot of people want it, they're fearful they won't get it, and crowds have been a little rough at times," Strong said. "However, what we've seen over the last few days, as more gas shows up, and people see it's coming on a regular basis, the crowds have been more orderly and calm," he added.

Original plans of distribution lasting from May 21-24 have been extended for at least another week due to the enormous need and positive feedback from the Iraqi citizens. "We've delivered over 30,000 bottles so far," said Cartmill.

While liquid propane gas distribution is but one step in restoring normality to life in Baghdad, it is an important step in the chain of services the Iraqi citizens deserve and can expect from their government as the Republic of Free Iraq slowly takes shape.



Photo by Spc. John Wollaston

A soldier with C Troop, 1st Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment tries to keep a crowd under control while propane gas is sold to Iraqis.

Childhood fevers: How to know when it's serious

Special to the Frontline
Evans Army Community College

People often think that a high fever is bad, that it can cause brain damage. This is not true. The truth is that fever is one of the ways the body helps fight against infections. When we have an infection in any part of the body, we produce more heat (fever). With more heat, the body can better mobilize the white blood cells and other defenses to kill germs better. So the fever is not our enemy but our friend, and it is helping the body fight the germs.

Therefore, the question is, "What is causing the fever?"

One must determine if the cause is serious or not. Most of the time, the cause of fever in children is something that is not serious. Some examples are viral infections like sore throats or the flu.

Occasionally there may be a more serious infection, such as a urinary-tract infection or pneumonia. Another example of a serious

infection is meningitis, an infection that is caused by germs around the brain. This disease is rare, and children are now immunized against the most common causes of meningitis.

Vaccines prevent infection. To tell the difference between a serious infection (like meningitis) and common infections, look at the whole picture, not just the temperature:

- Does the child look focused and track with his eyes?
- Does he move his head easily from side to side, or does he act as if it hurts and he does not want to move his head?
- Does he follow what is going on around him?
- When the fever breaks, after several hours, does he perk up, play and smile more, or does he look worse?

If the answers to these questions are good, then the child most likely does not have meningitis or another serious infection. If the answers to these questions are bad, then the child should be seen by a doctor right away. Meningitis is a rare disease, and

most children will not have it.

Fever in the presence of an infection is different from fever in the presence of excessive heat in the summer. Heat stroke is different in that there is no infection, the person is usually dehydrated, and the fever is not aiding the body in fighting off infection. In this case, the fever can reach excessive degrees and cause serious damage. However, the situation is completely different and not usually confused.

Now that you know that the fever is not harmful, do you need to bring it down? The more you try to do this, the more you are doing exactly the opposite of what the body is trying to do.

Acetaminophen and ibuprofen are used, not so much to bring the fever down (which they do most of the time), but to make the patient more comfortable, as children feel miserable with a high fever. Give acetaminophen or ibuprofen every six hours for a high fever.

If the child does not have a specific symptom along with the fever, such as an earache or sore

throat, then he may have the flu. The flu is a common illness caused by a virus. Infections can be caused by viruses or bacteria.

Bacteria, not viruses, can be killed by antibiotics like penicillin and amoxicillin. Antibiotics do not work against viruses.

If a disease is caused by a virus such as flu, cold or chickenpox, nothing can be done but wait until it runs its course. With flu, the fever goes up and down for two to four days, then the child will get better.

Some parents have heard about seizures caused by fever. These are called "febrile seizures" and only happen in three or four patients out of a hundred children. These seizures last a few minutes, but are frightening to watch. However, they are totally harmless. They do not cause brain damage.

Fever is our friend in helping fight infections. We need to be concerned about its causes, but not about the fever. If the child perks up and the whole picture looks good, watch and wait for about three days. If the picture looks worse, or the fever lasts longer than three days, the child should be seen.



Sgt. Mark S. Rickert

An Iraqi petting-zoo worker tries to get a camel to its feet. The camel, a victim of the deteriorated conditions of the Baghdad Petting Zoo, is now getting the care it needs under the supervision of the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade and the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance.

Neglected petting-zoo animals temporarily confiscated

Sgt. Mark S. Rickert

372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The skeletal remains of an old roller coaster totter like a rusty memorial in a Baghdad amusement park. Across from this, the Tilt-A-Whirl spills out into the lawn, with weeds growing through the metal pieces. Painted on the petting zoo entrance, colorful tigers and tropical birds roam freely, and Mickey Mouse waves with childish glee from the sign overhead. It looks like a happy place, except for a few dead animals bloating in the heat, covered with flies.

Soldiers with the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade, in conjunction with the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, seized more than 30 animals from Luna Park's petting zoo in Baghdad, May 11.

Civil Affairs soldiers pushed for confiscation when they found the petting zoo in extremely poor conditions. The animals were clearly neglected, with filthy cages and forgotten feeding bowls.

"I was shocked when we came the first time," said Capt. William Sumner, 354th Civil Affairs Brigade. "The animals were starving. The water bowls had dust in them. It really sickened me."

To strengthen their case, Civil Affairs brought members of WildAid and Care for the Wild (non-profit conservation organizations working along side of the U.S. Military and ORHA to restore the Baghdad Zoo) with them on their second assessment. When the conservationists arrived on scene, they brought urgency to the situation.

"We went to the petting zoo with veterinarians and found the animals ravenous," said Dr.

Barbara Maas, Care for the Wild, Int'l. "We fed them what little food we had, and they went berserk. We also found dead animals in the cages, including a cobra that had starved to death. It takes serious neglect to starve a cobra."

"It is a tragic state," said Stephan Bognae, WildAid. "Animals are in distress. They're pacing the cages; they are skinny with no nutrients. It is very similar to how we found the Baghdad Zoo — filthy cages, hungry animals. But we have a full staff at the Baghdad Zoo now, and we can take proper care of the animals there."

Civil Affairs brought the park's condition to the attention of ORHA and received clearance to confiscate the animals. From Luna Park, the animals were taken across town to the Baghdad Zoo, where the workers can provide better living conditions, as

well as food and water.

Civil Affairs and ORHA do not intend to keep the animals at the Baghdad Zoo forever. Once the petting zoo's owner demonstrates feasible living conditions for the animals, they will be returned.

"We told the owner that once he gets his act together and gets the place 'up to code,' we will return the animals," said Lt. Col. David H. Jones, 354th CAB. "Until then, the animals will remain at the Baghdad Zoo."

"This is the worst animal facility I've ever seen in all my years of conservation," said Baghdad Zoo interim administrator Lawrence Anthony, with the Thula Thula Game Reservation/conservation organization from Zululand, South Africa. "The owner must demonstrate the ability to run the petting zoo before we return the animals."

STOP LOSS

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Allowing soldiers to change duty stations will support the readiness of forces in Korea, Army Transformation, the Stryker Brigade Combat Teams, the Longbow Apache helicopter units and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles program, officials said.

They said this will also allow soldiers to move to drill sergeant and other instructor positions, become recruiters, and serve in joint assignments.

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attacked May 26 near Hadithah, about 120 miles northwest of Baghdad, according to Central Command. One American soldier was killed and another was wounded during the attack, a command release stated, during which the enemy employed rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine guns.

CENTCOM also reported that one American soldier was killed and another injured May 25 in southern Iraq during an apparently accidental explosion at an Iraqi ammo dump.

The American troops were pulling guard duty at the facility at the time of the incident, according to a press release.

For most soldiers redeploying home from Iraq and other OIF countries, PERSCOM's goal is to provide a 90-day stabilization period before changing assignments, personnel officials said. Soldiers may voluntarily waive the 90-day stabilization period, if they want.

PERSCOM will continue to phase deferments and adjust report dates as necessary to support ongoing OIF operations, officials said.

"Stop-move" for officers will be

lifted in phases, officials said. In February, PERSCOM deferred all officers in OIF units with report dates of March 1 to May 31.

Officers with old report dates in June and July will now have a new report date of Aug. 31. PERSCOM will make a determination later this summer on whether to defer the move of officers with original report dates in August.

The intent of the phased approach is to limit officer person-

nel turbulence, while at the same time preserve planned assignments and minimize disruptions to officer professional development timelines, officials said. They will try to support a 14-day overlap between incoming officers and incumbents in the OIF area of operations.

Soldiers scheduled to attend schools will usually not have their report dates deferred, officials said, unless the school adjusts its

class dates.

Report dates will not be automatically adjusted for officers selected for command or for assignments in Central Command, Korea, Special Operations Command, Northern Command, and special management units, PERSCOM officials said.

More details on lifting "stop move" can be found in a MILPER message at <http://perscomnd04.army.mil/milpermsgs.nsf>.

The killed and injured soldiers' names were being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Meanwhile, CENTCOM noted that U.S. and coalition operations to improve security throughout Iraq continue. Coalition forces are actively conducting patrols to eliminate crimes against people and property, weapons sales, explosives and black market goods such as fuel, a command release stated.

For example, CENTCOM reported that U.S. soldiers from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment shut down an automobile "chop shop" during a May 26 raid in Baghdad.

And 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, soldiers seized two Fedayeen paramilitary leaders during a recent raid near Bayji.

The command also reported that U.S Marines from the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, recently captured two Iraqis wanted by the coalition during a cordon and search operation.

And United Kingdom troops reportedly broke up an Iraqi family feud recently, according to a CENTCOM release. The U.K. forces detained two Iraqis and seized several AK-47 automatic weapons.

And the command also reported that

coalition forces are continuing joint security patrols with Iraqi police, which improves security and provides valuable training for the Iraqi law enforcement officers.

Central Command reported that American and coalition security forces in Iraq had conducted 18 raids and more than 2,000 patrols during the past 24 hours, including 201 patrols with Iraqi police.

In fact, an Iraqi police patrol recently turned in seized weapons and money to 614th Military Police Company troops, according to CENTCOM. The U.S. MPs and the Iraqi police, the release noted, are co-manning a Baghdad police station.

DRINKING



& DRIVING



DON'T MIX



ATTENTION: Command and Soldiers PREVENTION INTERVENTION PROGRAM (PIP)



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Phone: (912) 370-6100
Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LOCATION:

Outpatient Psychiatry
Building 301, Harmon Ave.
Winn Army Community Hospital, Exterior Building
(Adjacent to the Emergency Room entrance at the rear of the hospital)

The Prevention Intervention Program (PIP) is a secondary prevention program for at-risk soldiers who are vulnerable to the stresses that can lead to domestic violence and abuse.

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PIP differs from most other ACS programs in that it is an intervention designed primarily for soldiers and spouses, when appropriate; and secondarily for families if the violence has infiltrated the home.

Information and education on an ongoing basis to soldiers will enhance a person's ability to cope appropriately with anger and stress. This program will help the command assist their soldiers by identifying problems with anger and abuse BEFORE this becomes an issue in their jobs, in the field, and with their families. PIP is located at the Outpatient Psychiatric Department and referrals are channeled through command, Social Work Services, and health care professionals. PLEASE CALL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

An apple a day ...

Program turns troops into teachers

Spc. Casandra Bolton

Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

Remember that one teacher who helped make an impact in your life, whether it was in schoolwork or in life?

"Everyone has that one teacher that you can remember from when you were in school. I can't remember what my teacher looked like, but I do remember that she helped me," said Bill Kirkland, program manager for Georgia.

For soldiers getting out of the military, whether it is retirement or they have reached their estimated time of service date, there is a program that is fit to help those who have dreams of being a teacher, come true.

Troops to Teachers is a federal program that is managed by the Department of Defense and Department of Education that helps eligible military personnel begin a new career as teachers in public schools where their skills, knowledge and experience are most needed.

"You have to remember that this program is not a reason to become a teacher, but if it is a goal that you have had, it will help make that a reality," said Kirkland.

Lt. Col. Clark Southard,

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from Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Ga., joined the Troops to Teachers program in January. He just finished the teacher's certification this month.

Southard said his desire to become a teacher started when his children started attending Department of Defense schools.

"People have to realize that teaching is not going to get you rich, it has to be in your heart," said Southard.

"The program is a really good opportunity for soldiers who are retiring," said Southard, who plans on retiring Oct. 31.

The state of Georgia hires approximately 13,000 new teachers a year; the universities produce only 4,000 teachers said Kirkland.

In order to be eligible for the program there are two categories in which a soldier can

qualify. The first category is education. The soldier can have a four-year degree or year of college (30 credits). Also the soldier must have at least six years active duty time or ten years drill reserve time.

"If a soldier does not meet the requirements, we can assist them with advice, but we cannot fund them through the program," said Kirkland.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 provides for the continuation of Troops to Teachers through the fiscal year 2006.

Reflecting the focus of the No Child Left Behind Act, the primary objective of the program is to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout America. It helps relieve teacher shortages, especially in math, science, special education and other high-needs

subject areas, and assists military personnel in making successful transitions to second careers in teaching.

The program does not certify the individual as a teacher, but it will in fact help fund the soldier while they go through training.

The maximum amount of assistance is \$10,000 per person. The specific requirements are:

- Stipends of up to \$5,000 are available to reimburse costs associated with becoming certified to teach. Recipients of these stipends must agree to teach for three years in a school located in a "high-need" district.
- Bonuses of \$10,000 are available to those who agree to teach for three years in a school that serves a high percentage of students from low-income families.

"Most retired individuals have proven themselves to care, so they are quite an asset in this program," said Southard.

Soldiers can receive a registration packet off of the main website. The website is www.proudtoserveagain.com

"We need the support of good teachers," said Kirkland. "Wouldn't you like to be that teacher who helps to make a difference in a child's life?"

The more you know ...

Those interested in Troops to Teachers should contact the education center for a registration form or download a registration form from the Troops to Teachers home page. Individuals on active duty may register for the program at any time. They will not be eligible to apply for funding or referral assistance until one year prior to retirement.

For more information about Troops to Teachers, write or call:

Address:
DANTES Troops to Teachers
6490 Saufley Field rd.
Pensacola, Fla. 32509-5243

Phone: 850-452-1320
Toll Free: 1-800-231-6242
DSN: 922-1151

There is a section on the website for questions. If anyone has a question, they can refer to the mentor section of the website. There are guidelines for the mentor section, they are:

- There is no limit on the number of mentors you may contact.
- Messages/questions should be brief and to the point.
- Mentors are not employees of Troops to Teachers, they are volunteers.
- The mentors do not speak for Troops to Teachers, the state in which they reside, county, school district or any other entity unless they clearly indicate that they are doing so in an official capacity.
- Mentor's opinions, comments and suggestions are just that, their personal opinions.
- To contact the main education center here the number is 767-8331.

Environmental assessment team to visit Stewart

Special to the Frontline

Fort Stewart will be visited by an assessment team comprised of approximately 17 media area experts June 2 to 13, selected by Headquarters, Department of the Army, to identify and prescribe meaningful fixes to environmental issues. The identified fixes may be additional resources or corrections to daily business practices, to further heighten the installation's overall level of compliance. The process that aids in accomplishing this effort is the external portion of the Environmental Performance Assessment System (formerly ECAS). The EPAS serves as the Garrison Commander's "early warning device" of potential risks, with associated fixes and costs, as well as identifying positive initiatives already in place.

This cooperative effort will have a three-pronged intent:

- To identify areas in need of assistance and provide suggested corrections with estimated costs, if applicable;
- To identify the positive efforts and programs Fort Stewart's Environmental Office is performing over and above Federal, State, Local, Department of Defense, or Department of Army laws and regulations; and
- To identify other great initiatives in areas that may

not exceed environmental regulations or laws but are extremely well managed and worthy of recognition through the Southeast Region Office to HQDA to share with others (Issues of Special Recognition).

The EPAS has been in effect for ten years now. The process does not create a "gig sheet," issue "fines or penalties," carry a "gun," or point fingers, but rather provides suggested "building blocks" for the installation to consider, to further elevate the overall environmental compliance posture. Regulators view this effort very positively.

It is important to be open and candid to the individual team members if you are visited at your activity. If inaccurate or partial information is provided, a true fix or adequate resources may not be provided, leaving Fort Stewart open for potential enforcement actions. The team has extensive compliance experience and may be able to offer corrective suggestions on how to improve upon a current practice or provide instructional on-the-spot solutions.

The garrison commander and environmental staff look forward to your support and cooperative efforts during this two-week process. The point of contact for specific questions is Veronica Frazier, Fort Stewart EPAS Coordinator, at (912)692-8736.



SBCT shocks OPFOR during Shughart-Gordon battle

Spc. Lorie Jewell and Pfc. Andrew Hillegass

107th MPAD

FORT POLK, La.— Elements of the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team) swiftly enveloped the town of Shughart-Gordon just before evening chow Saturday, flushing out enemy troops long before breakfast the next morning.

The explosive battle for control of the main town in Fort Polk's Joint Readiness Training Center's village of Shughart-Gordon caps the 10-day exercise Arrowhead Lightning II, the final field testing and certification operation for the Army's first SBCT. The exercise ended Tuesday.

JRTC observer/controllers reported that the SBCT reconnaissance unit had the town under surveillance by mid-Saturday afternoon, and indicated that the SBCT assault could begin at any time, according to Lt. Col. Joseph Piek, Fort Lewis Transformation public

affairs officer. Only the Opposing Force didn't know that.

The SBCT's main assault task force, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, surprised planners of the mock battle by reaching the town about 5 p.m., roughly 10 hours ahead of schedule, said site supervisor Cayln Rayburn.

"Most units I've seen at the city don't make contact at Shughart-Gordon until around midnight," Rayburn said. "The speed in which the SBCT arrived is amazing."

The town, built to resemble a city in a third-world country, offers top-notch training for urban combat tactics. Commanders can use their own strategies and time tables for capturing the town, Rayburn added.

Fighting started when soldiers from Company A's second platoon dismounted from their Strykers to look for a tunnel, said observer controller Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence Pousard.

"They took some small arms fire from opposition forces inside the town, returned fire, and it just escalated from there," Pousard said.

Just before 1 a.m., Stryker brigade troops had cleared and secured half of the town's buildings.

Around the same time and a few miles away, several opposition soldiers riding in the backs of three pickup trucks tried to ambush the regiment's headquarters company. Soldiers maintaining a security perimeter returned fire, engaging in a 1 a.m. firefight that ended after about five minutes when the trucks sped off toward Shughart-Gordon.

By 5 a.m., opposition forces were fleeing the city, leaving Stryker Brigade soldiers to clear the remaining buildings and take control of the town.

A few hours later, SBCT soldiers regrouped to assume defensive positions throughout the town.

The SBCT conducted defensive operations for the remaining days of the exercise.

Couple travels across U.S. to show support for troops

Denise Brown
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C., – The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks prompted Americans nationwide to convey their patriotism by displaying American flags on their cars and vans. One patriotic Arizona couple went above and beyond the call of duty, and their vehicles now rate more than a mere passing glance.

Instead of a bumper sticker or two, every square inch of Ed and Tonie Negrin’s pickup trucks and sport utility vehicle display their pride in America’s leaders and men and women in uniform. Obscuring the original paint scheme, the images depict the American flag, the president and troops from each service branch.

Since late 2001, the Negrins, who own and operate a courier business, have taken their vehicles on the road. They dubbed their vehicles “America’s Truck Display” and began touring the United States visiting military installations to remind troops how much they’re appreciated for their day-to-day contributions to ensure the nation’s security.

“We meet people who don’t earn a lot at what they do, but what they do is very important,” Negrin said of the military. “We want them to know we appreciate it. I wouldn’t be able to do any of the things I do, if I didn’t live in a society like this, if I didn’t have people willing to defend and protect my freedoms.”

Driving their red, white and blue, stars and stripes decorated-pickup truck, they embarked on a 38-day, 12,000-mile journey that took them to 39 states. Throughout the trip, the couple gave away patriotic mementos they had purchased with their vacation savings.

“We had been saving for three years to take a first-class vacation to Europe,” said Negrin, noting that the couple’s 10th wedding anniversary fell shortly after Sept. 11, 2001. “But, we just didn’t feel comfortable with it after 9-11, so we took all that money and bought all kinds of flags, patriotic gear,

books on American history and books on the U.S. military and such, and just set out across the country. We spent 38 days traveling the U.S. from one end to the other.”

On their first trip, while staying at a motel, they met Army Sgt. Maj. Tony Rose, who was attending a military conference there. Rose was stationed in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, and was instrumental in saving the lives of coworkers following the terrorist attack.

Negrin realized one of the patriotic books they were giving away contained a reference to Rose for his brave efforts on that day.

“That was our first contact with folks in the military,” Negrin explained. Impressed with the service people they met, they decided to focus future travel on visiting military bases to show their appreciation for those in uniform.

They want the troops to realize “‘‘Somebody cares, somebody really looks out for us,’’” he said, “and that’s truly what we want to convey — that we love those folks, we love what they do and we want to help them any way we can.”

Following their initial trip, the Negrins decided to decorate a second pickup truck saluting U.S. efforts in Operation Enduring Freedom. It was complete with images depicting U.S. military leaders, including the president, defense secretary, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and images of active duty troops. The Enduring Freedom truck is dedicated to people in all branches of the military, Negrin said.

Visiting 15 military installations in May 2002 and five last August, including the Pentagon, the Negrins gave away their patriotic mementos. “At each place we just set up tables like we did at the Pentagon and give away great books and flag,” he said. He described the experience as “just a blast – we met wonderful people.”

The couple recently added Operation Iraqi Freedom T-shirts to the mementos they give away. Negrin estimates he and his wife spend between \$8,000 and \$12,000 for each base they visit, budgeting



Sgt. Barry Melton

Ed and Tonie Negrin’s SUV, adorned with various images associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

between \$130,000 and \$140,000 for each overall trip. They set aside 20 percent of their gross business income for the project.

Negrin points out that they do not accept the donations people constantly want to give. “We’re just a couple trying to take a portion of our income and use it for something good to support people who really stand up for and support us,” he explained.

Last Christmas, the Negrins extended their generosity even further and opened their home to six military personnel for the holidays. He and his wife hosted three soldiers – veterans of duty in Afghanistan — two Navy recruits and a Marine at their home for dinner and a four-day holiday stay.

“It was great,” he said. “It was a blast for us because normally we don’t have a lot of folks in our house for Christmas, so it was just tremendous.”

Besides opening their home and hearts to service personnel away from their families during the holidays, they’ve also invited a young military family to visit.

“We just met this wonderful young couple,” Negrin said. The

husband had been deployed to Afghanistan, returned home and shortly after his return, deployed again to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Now, back home again, Negrin said, “they have to get to know each other all over again.”

This year’s trip to military installations began last month and included stops in Florida, Virginia and Maryland. The Negrins visited Fort Bliss, Texas, over the Memorial Day weekend, and wrap up their current tour next week at the U.S. Marine Corps base at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The 2003 America’s Truck Display features the couple’s newest vehicle, an SUV depicting U.S. efforts in Iraqi Freedom.

“We just plastered that truck full of those images,” Negrin said. One side of the truck features images of President Bush, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and U.S. Central Command chief Gen. Tommy Franks. The SUV’s other side features personnel representing every service branch.

Negrin said that many military personnel assigned to several bases

they’ve recently visited were deployed in support of Iraqi Freedom. So instead, the couple had the opportunity to meet family members. He added that they received requests to return to the bases so that returning personnel would be able to see their vehicle.

Last month’s stop at U.S. Central Command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., represents the Negrin’s second visit to the air base. “I’ve really gotten quite close to the folks at CENTCOM. It was Gen. Franks and his people who really encouraged us,” Negrin said.

“We have just been really blessed by the opportunities that have arisen from this and when I say that, I mean just meeting wonderful people we would have never met,” he said.

Negrin hopes that in the years ahead, the patriotic gifts they distribute will remind service men and women that “the majority of Americans love what they do, support what they do and appreciate what they do. It’s not really the value of the item so much,” he said, “as it is a token of how this country feels about them.”

Casualty assistance estate-claims POCs

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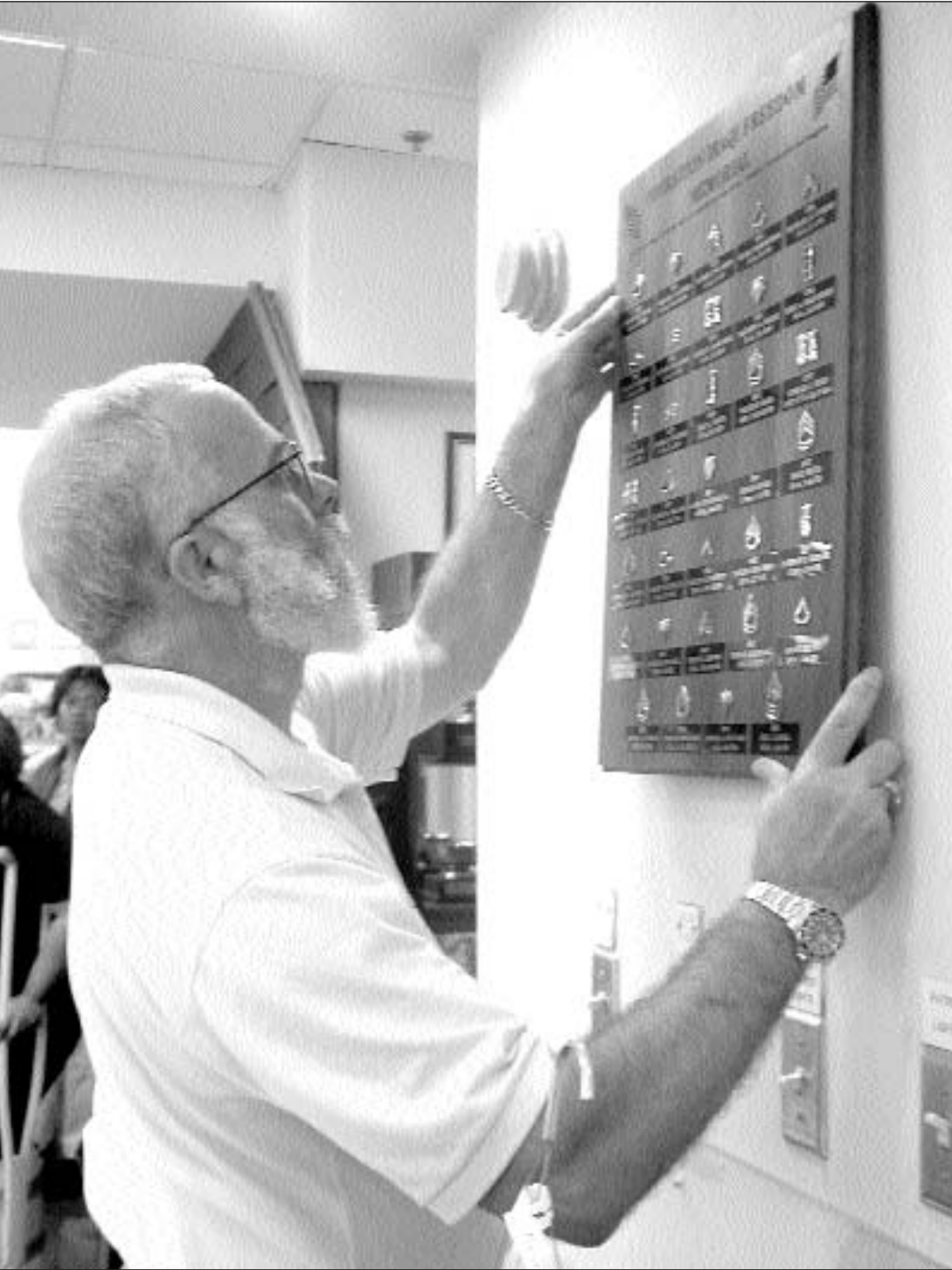
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Hunter commissary honors fallen soldiers



Pfc. Emily Danial

Hunter Army Airfield’s Commissary Grocery Manager George Grabenstein hangs a commemorative plaque on the commissary wall during a ceremony May 22. The plaque is to honor 34 fallen 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) soldiers who gave their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Michael Pulley, Store Director, and Chaplain (Maj.) John Foxworth, installation chaplain, spoke at the event.

Reload pantry with “Gift of Groceries”

Bonnie Powell

DeCA

FORT LEE, Va. — As Operation Iraqi Freedom winds down and deployed service members begin returning home, they might find their pantries have “wound down” as well. There is a solution! Family, friends and even neighbors might want to welcome service members home with the “Gift of Groceries.”

Moms, or dads, tend to take a more casual approach to dinner when a spouse is deployed. Pizza, macaroni and cheese, sandwiches, or eating out at the nearby fast food outlet seems to be the order of the day. Families often return to “dinner around the table” when everyone is together again. A commissary gift certificate could be the perfect way to bring the home-front pantry up to par.

Commissary gift certificates are an easy way to say “I love you,” and for the first time, anyone can help feed military families with the “Gift of Groceries.” The program allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates through www.commissaries.com or toll-free at 877-770-4438. A mail-in or fax form is also available through the Web site.

The gift certificates can be given directly to military friends and family or donated to military families through charitable organizations. Only authorized shoppers can spend them at any of the nearly 280 commissaries serving the U.S. armed services worldwide.

Started as a customer convenience program, more than \$1 million in gift certificates have been sold since the program’s inception in the fall of 2002. Giving gift certificates allows recipients to stretch their food purchasing dollars by 30 percent or more using their commissary benefit.

The program is made possible through a business agreement with CertifiChecks Inc. at no cost to the Defense Commissary Agency or the federal government. A standard charge of \$4.95 covers the costs of handling, printing and mailing of up to 20 certificates – as long as all are going to the same address. Other charges for large orders or special handling may apply.

Worldwide charities such as the Air Force Aid Society, the USO and Fisher House Foundation have also agreed to accept donated certificates for military families in need. Those certificates have been used to buy groceries for the families of deployed service members and for families of service members injured in Iraq and Afghanistan while they stay in Fisher House comfort homes.

Military chaplains’ funds purchased over \$500,000 in gift certificates for the 2002 holiday season, but now civilian organizations that want to help military families are getting involved, too. Employees of Lockheed Martin in Dallas, Texas, recently donated \$25,000 in commissary gift certificates for military families. The Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control employees are working with family support and chaplains’ groups at several installations to distribute the certificates where they are most needed.

If the homefront pantry is full, perhaps some new clothes or household goods are in order. Army and Air Force exchanges worldwide have begun accepting exchange gift certificates, also through an agreement with CertifiChecks. Exchange gift certificates are good worldwide at Army and Air Force exchanges and are available at www.aafes.com or toll-free at 877-770-4438.

Commissaries change coupon rules

Rick Brink

DeCA

FORT LEE, Va. — Commissaries will start enforcing new policy revisions Sunday that limit coupon use to only one per item unless otherwise specified on a coupon.

“We still gladly welcome the use of coupons. We’re only limiting the number of coupons a customer can use per item to what is specifically stated on the coupons. If the coupons state more than one per item can be used, then we’ll accept them. If it doesn’t, then we’ll accept only one per item,” said Bob Vitikacs, the Defense Commissary Agency’s executive director

for operations and product support.

The revised DeCA policy more accurately reflects manufacturers’ intent for coupon use, which has always been one coupon per item unless otherwise stated, Vitikacs said. DeCA policy had allowed commissaries to accept multiple coupons unless specifically stated as only “one per item.”

Under the new policy, customers can still take advantage of multiple couponing, but only through sales specifically allowing the practice.

Customers can watch for advertising and in-store flyers to learn about these sales, and manufacturers will continue to provide coupons in the stores.

Monument to recognize fallen soldiers



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Spc. Casandra Bolton
372nd MPAD

The Hinesville Military Affairs Coordinating Committee is sponsoring a memorial addition to Marne Gardens.

The tribute will have a plaque that will recognize the 35 soldiers and four foreign journalist who were killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Donations are being accepted to help with the funding of the memorial.

"Anyone wishing to make a donation can make their checks out to the 'City of Hinesville, Military Affairs Coordinating Committee,'" said David Anderson, chairman of Military Affairs Committee.

The address that donations can be mailed to is

115 M. L. King Dr., Hinesville, GA, 31313.

"Col. (Edwin) Marrero and our Mayor Thomas Ratcliffe had talked about the idea of the memorial," Anderson said.

"At our last meeting, Col. Marrero was present and he presented the plan to the committee," he said.

After the plan was presented, the committee voted and accepted the challenge of sponsoring the Operation Iraqi Freedom memorial monument.

The addition to Marne Gardens is going to add another walkway that leads up to a memorial in honor of the 34 fallen soldiers.

"It is important that we remember those who gave their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom," Anderson said.

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Holbrook Pond Road

The intersection of Hwy. 144 to FS 48 (tank trail crossing) will be closed to through traffic until 2 p.m. June 6. Subject closure is necessary to accomplish paving of the road-way.

Personnel needing access during this closure can do so by accessing FS 48 (detour via tank trail). Motorists are requested to use caution when utilizing detours.

General Stewart Way

General Stewart Way between the Memorial Drive Intersection east to Button Gwinett School will be closed to traffic until June 10. Subject closure is necessary to accomplish tie-in paving and grading at a new street that will clear the area for the construction of the New Education Center near the main gate. Detour signage has been installed and traffic will be re-directed. Traffic going westbound on General Stewart Way will be diverted to Main Street and then west onto Memorial Drive. Traffic going eastbound on Memorial Drive will be diverted to Main Street north onto General Stewart Way.

Restoration Advisory Board

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are conducting a community interest survey to determine whether a Restoration Advisory Board would be supported by the local communities.

The RAB would serve as a focal point for the exchange of information between representatives of the installations and the community regarding restoration activities.

If you are interested in completing the survey, have any specific questions about the survey, or need more information concerning environmental investigations and cleanup activities at Fort Stewart/Hunter, please contact Ms. Tressa Rutland at (912) 767-2010 (phone) or (912) 767-9779 (fax).

Gulick and Bultman Avenues

The tank trail adjacent to Gulick Avenue and Bultman Avenue intersection west to Frank Cochran Drive will be closed to through traffic until June 15.

Subject closure is urgent and necessary to accomplish construction of an earth berm around the peak shaving gas distribution facility near this intersection.

Family Assistance Center

Effective Tuesday, May 27, the Army Community Service at Fort Stewart will scale back its Family Assistance Center hours of opera-

tion. New hours will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekends will be handled with an on call roster and phones forwarded to EOC.

Officer Candidate School

The next HQDA Officer Candidate School selection board will be conducted at PERSCOM, July 21 to 25. The Fort Stewart local OCS Board will be conducted on June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at TBD. Packets will be accepted at Bldg. 9126. Deadline for packets to be turned in to the Personnel Action Section, B Co, 3rd SSB is June 10.

Point of contact for this action is Sgt. 1st Class Clark or Sgt. Elkins at 767-5817/1452.

Vacation Bible School

Fort Stewart SonHarvest County Fair will be held 9 a.m. to noon, June 16 to 20 at Brittin Elementary School. Ages 2 to 12 are invited.

Register during Sunday School hour from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. at Diamond Elementary or at Marne Chapel until 280 vacancies are filled. For more information contact Evon Roberts 863-7678 or Marne Chapel 767-8801.

15th Street temporary change

Effective Monday, the traffic at the 15th Street Gate will be temporarily restricted to a single inbound lane. Outbound traffic must exit the installation through any of the other open gates. This restriction will last until first week in June.

Learning center hours

The Main Education and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 respectively, will expand their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours. Two temporary changes are in effect until further notice.

Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, will be available 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.

Learning Center, Building 1237 will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Childcare Needed

Military wives in counties surrounding Fort Stewart are needed to provide childcare in their homes.

Free training and assistance offered through Youth Services' Family Childcare program. If you love children, why not consider this excellent opportunity to make money?

Savannah Sand Gnats

Military Appreciation Night is June 6 game between the South Georgia Waves (minor league affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers) and the Savannah Sand Gnats at Savannah's Grayson Stadium is Military Appreciation Night. Military ID card holders in attendance will receive a discounted ticket (\$1 off regular \$5 ticket) and a FREE hot dog and drink.

FREE transportation to the game is provided by Chatham Area Transit. Buses depart Hunter ACS at 6 p.m. The Sand Gnats are Savannah's only professional sports team. They are a minor league affiliate of the Montreal Expos. The game starts at 7 p.m.

U.S. Army Show

The theme of this year's show is "Legacy", scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m., at the Savannah Civic Center's Johnny Mercer Theatre. The show is a fast-paced 90-minute family-friendly musical medley featuring 17 soldiers performing a variety of music styles including pop, patriotic, country, rhythm and blues, contemporary Latin, and nostalgic rock and roll.

Military personnel and civilians are invited to see this free, top-notched performance. Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis and doors are open one hour prior to performance time. Free transportation to the Civic Center is also available for Hunter soldiers and family members. Trolleys will leave from the Hunter Club parking lot at 5:30 pm and return at approximately 9 pm. For additional information call 767-2697.

Red Cross Dinner and Movie

The Red Cross will host a free dinner and movie Saturday, June 14 from 4 to 8 pm at the Hunter Club. Food, swimming at the pool and movie! Event is for families of deployed soldiers only - please RSVP by contacting FRG leaders.

Vacation Bible School

The Hunter Chapel will have a Vacation Bible School class from June 9-12. Games, music, arts and crafts. Transportation will be provided for Wilson Acres and Gannam Heights housing areas. Pre-register at the Chapel as seats are limited. Call for more information: 352-5515/5111.

After-school Program

The Hunter Youth Center is now signing up students in the 6th grade level and higher for a free After-School Program.

Hunter

1st through 5th graders may also sign up, however, space is limited. Those who are interested can register at Building 1286.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Wednesday starting at 9:30 p.m. Performances will feature two comedians and one headliner.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations call 912-269-0277.

First Steps Program

The First Steps Program needs volunteers. This is a program that provides information and support to expectant and new parents stationed at Hunter. Volunteers make home visits to expectant parents and provide a 12 month phone call follow up. Volunteers are paid mileage reimbursement and enjoy flexible hours. For more information, call 756-6516.

Wilson Avenue

Widening and resurfacing from approximately 800 feet west of the Stephenson Gate to the intersection of Lightening Road is scheduled to commence Monday until July 3, tentatively. Traffic will be maintained to one lane.

Softball

Intramural Softball registration is still open - sign up today! Semi-pro baseball is also available. All sports open to active duty, reserve component soldiers and family members. For more information call Art Lewis, Hunter Sports Office at 352-6749.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Hunter Army Airfield, regardless of their specific unit, at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Building 1290. For more information, call 352-6130.

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 352-6130.

Youth Services

Youth Services is offering tae kwon do classes, golf lessons, weight training, basketball, cheer-leading, soccer clinics and much more. For more information call Youth Services at 352-5708 or 352-6075.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Tobacco Cessation

Tobacco Cessations classes will be available at Winn 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday starting May 15.

To register for the class, call 370-5071. The class will be available at Tuttle 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays starting May 7. To register for the class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Coping Support Groups

The Coping Support Group is for adults having difficulty dealing with the stress in their life. The group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday.

The Coping Support Group for Children meets 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday for children ages 6 to 9 and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday for children ages 10 to 13. For more information, call 370-6100.

TRICARE Hours of Operation

The TRICARE Service Center will be open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6015.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what healthcare services are available to you - from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to schedule appointments. For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

Intervention Services

Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening. Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental

screenings and assessments. For more information, call 370-6349.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependant family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

Patients more than 20 weeks pregnant who have questions between their regularly scheduled appointments can call the direct nurse line at 370-6550.

Mental Status Exams

The Behavioral Health Clinic will conduct Active-duty Mental Status Exams 1 to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All patients with a completed FL92-R who sign in by 1:30 p.m. will be seen. This exam is not a treatment evaluation. All soldiers E4 and below must be accompanied by an E5 or higher. For more information, call 370-6100.

Bereavement Support Group

A Sunrise Bereavement Support Group will be held 7 to 8 p.m. May 13 in Winn's chapel. The group is open to beneficiaries who have lost a loved one. For more information, call 370-6661 or 370-6779.

Expectant Siblings Class

The next Expectant Siblings Class will be 5 p.m. on May 28. This class helps prepare children ages 4 to 12 for the arrival of anew brother or sister. To register, call 370-6017 or 370-6670.

Medical Threat Briefings

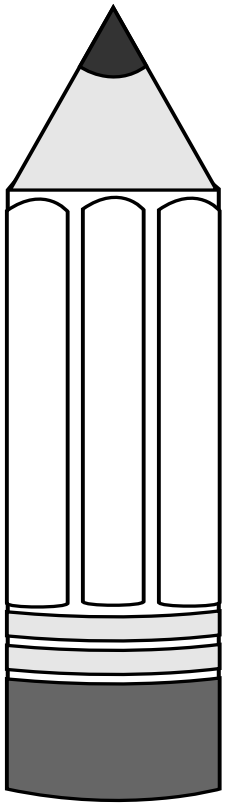
Units that require a Medical Threat Briefing can now schedule it by calling Environmental Health at 767-3050.

Take Care of Yourself

The next Winn classes will be 2 to 3 p.m. June 11 and 25 and 11 a.m. to noon June 25. Tuttle's class will be 10 to 11 a.m. June 25.

The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the Winn class, call 370-5071. To register for the Tuttle class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

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Preparing for loved ones return ...

Sgt. Raymond Piper Lindsey Goss, Kristina Pantoja, both spouses of members of the 396th Transportation Company, and Amanda Young, co-leader of the unit's FRG, put final touches on a sign for Goss's husband. The spouses have been busy preparing for the unit's return. They have decorated the motor pool with yellow ribbons and posters. They have held 10 fundraisers to raise money and have used some of those funds to buy sheet sets and toiletries for the single soldiers who are deployed.

POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 37-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Specialist, 40-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Specialist, 29-year male, First Brigade
 - **Charges:** Improper backing
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Family member, 19-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane, open container, no insurance, failure to wear safety belt, minor in possession of alcohol
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Minor in possession of alcohol, drinking
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private 2, 18-year-old male, First Brigade
 - **Charges:** Drunken driving, failure to obey lawful order, driving on post suspension
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Driving under influence
 - **Location:** Hunter
 - **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence of alcohol, underage drinking
 - **Location:** Hunter
 - **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 33-year-old male, Second
- Brigade

 - **Charges:** Wreckless driving, expired tags, defective tires, no insurance
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to stop at a posted stop sign, failure to maintain lane, defective license plate light
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Civilian, 30-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Failure to obey a traffic device, driving on suspended drivers license
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Civilian, 47-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Failure to stop at red light
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 53-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Self injury without intent to avoid service
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Murder
 - **Location:** Tampa, FL
 - **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, improper lane usage
 - **Location:** Garden City, Ga.



POT OF GOLD Award Winners



The following individuals are the winners of the Commanding General's Pot of Gold Award at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. *(All photos by Spc. Jonathan Stack and read left to right)*



Leticia Salinas, Jennifer Roosa, Maureen Kimmel, Dannielle Kaminski, Kara Collins, Vickey Dixon, Charlene Austin, Nicole Gier, Cheryl Alessandro, Nancy Schwartz, Latrell Brooks



Anita Musgrave, Jacquelyn Kinnear, Ann Marie Downs, Jarkata Learned, Kimberly Stutz, Katie Mahood, Robin Greenfield Franz, Meredith Gary, Erica Smith, Sarah Judge



Rhonda Hubbard, Anne Marie Mitchell, Jo Steen, "Bray" Jones and Laurie Spivey.



Lasalle Norman



Linda Mauntler, Cynthia Martinez, Hannah Min, Pamela Sizemore, Bethany Herber, Dawn Kuykendall, Janice Souser, Melissa Hoskins, Michelle Hodge, Tahnesha Cobin, Patty Martirosian, Terri Heathcock-Carlson, Ralph Anderson, Matthew Martirosian



Honorees in the Commanding General's Pot of Gold ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield included (above from left): Capt. Sheyla Baez, LaNeshia Chaney, Angela Myers, Elizabeth Garcia, Daisy Glover, Patti Stanley, Wendy Williams, Sherry MacCartney and Susie Potts, pictured here with Robin Weber (fifth from right). The ceremony awarded outstanding nine community volunteers for their service May 22 at Hunter's Army Community Service center.

Homeless orphans prefer the streets

Sgt. 1st Class Conrad College
372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq – A U.S. Army civil affairs team, with the assistance of mental health soldiers, is trying to help some apparently homeless orphans here, but the task has proven to be both rewarding and frustrating, according to Capt. Stacey Simms, leader of the civil affairs team.

Simms, from Rochester, N.Y. is serving with the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve unit based in Greensboro, N.C. The 422nd is part of the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade.

Shortly after the fighting here was over, passers-by noticed a group of about two dozen children happily and noisily playing in and around a pool in a traffic circle, laughing as they ran and jumped into the water, some diving in head first, others doing flips, head-over-heels, into the water.

The kids, playing in the pool, seemed oblivious to the thousands of people who live or work in the densely-populated area near the Palestine and Sheraton hotels and the constant flow of hundreds of cars, busses and trucks that drive past the traffic circle all day.

But what at first seemed to be a happy, peaceful scene turned out to be a nightmare, as people later realized that the children stayed around the pool day and night, every day and every night. They were apparently homeless and were living there in the street on the traffic circle. A closer look also reveals that the pool and the area around it are filthy and trash is lying everywhere.

A little investigation determined that these children, who seemed to range in age from about 6 to about 16, are apparently not only homeless, but they also a group of orphans. Some of them had been living in an orphanage before the war, but had been released, or escaped, during the fighting in Baghdad, Simms said. They had been living on the streets for at least two weeks, before it was

brought to the attention of the civil affairs soldiers.

Simms contacted the U.S. Army's 113th Medical Company, another Army Reserve unit here. The 113th is based in Stanton (Orange County), Calif., and specializes in combat stress control. The 113th has psychologists and social workers, among other job specialties. The 113th falls under the 93rd Medical Battalion and the 30th Medical Brigade.

The newly-combined team of concerned soldiers decided to question the children, with the aid of locally-hired Iraqi translators, in order to determine if the children were, in fact, homeless orphans, and then to place as many of the children as possible into orphanages, where they would, at least, have food and a safe place to sleep.

Simms contacted five orphanages in Baghdad and two agreed to take a few children, but only for one week, as the directors of the orphanages were concerned that the children might be delinquents with bad habits and perhaps bad tempers, who might fight with the children who were already living in the orphanages. A few days later, Simms and his team also brought tons of donated food and other supplies to the five orphanages.

The combined team of some 422nd civil affairs soldiers and some 113th mental health specialists then took their few Humvees and a mini-bus and went to the traffic circle, one of many in Baghdad.

There, they asked a few basic questions to about 20 children and decided to take 14 of them to a U.S. Army compound for further evaluation. A few were found to be over 18, or had parents and homes. No one 18 or older would be put on the bus, Simms said, because orphanages here would not take anyone 18 or over.

Once on the U.S. Army compound, the 14 children were given food and water and were questioned, one at a time, by the psychologists or social workers. Capt. Suellyn Mahan, a psychologist with the

113th, said, "Each child was asked the same questions, such as: What is your full name? How old are you? When is your birthday? Where do you live? What happened to your parents?"

Sadly, many of the orphans did not know their last names, or who their parents were, or even how old they are.

Life on the streets for these children has been rough. It was learned that one 16-year-old, homeless girl is pregnant. She does not know who the father is, because her pregnancy is a result of having been raped. It was also learned that this will be her second child. As in her second pregnancy, she did not know who the father is, as she had been raped that time, too. Nevertheless, she has also been trying to take care of the younger children.

A 12-year-old girl has a dislocated shoulder, and her 10-year-old sister, Aswan, has a hairline fracture in her right arm. Some of the smaller boys have bruises or minor lacerations, having been beaten by larger boys.

Aswan was asked, through a translator, what would she want if she had three wishes. At first she had no idea of what that meant. After some explaining she simply said, "To live with the Americans." Then she was prompted for more answers. "You get two more wishes," she was told. She said that all she could think of was "to eat and to get clean."

Unfortunately, after the questions and evaluation at the U.S. Army compound in Baghdad, all 14 children had to be taken back downtown to spend the night; and they were returned to the same traffic circle, where they had been picked up. There are no facilities to keep the children on the Army compound, where each soldier has only the Army cot that he or she brought from home station.

The following morning, Simms and his combined team of civil affairs soldiers and mental health workers, went back to pick up the 14 children. But only a few of those children who had been evaluated could be found,



Sgt. 1st Class Conrad College

Homeless orphans play in a fountain that's not working, May 17.

Simms said.

First the children were taken to Central Baghdad Pediatric Teaching Hospital (formerly known as Saddam Hussein Pediatric Teaching Hospital) to be examined by an Iraqi doctor; and X-rays were made of the broken arm and dislocated shoulder. Some children were given medicine.

In all, nine children were taken to the two orphanages, but only six were admitted, and those were only temporary, for one week. Upon further questioning by the orphanage directors, it was learned that one of the "children" is 21 and that two others do have parents and homes. Apparently, they had claimed to be orphans, thinking that they might be given food, or other special treatment, Simms said.

"The 21-year-old has the physique of a 14-to-15-year-old, and just looks much younger than he really is, as do many of the children, probably due to malnutrition," Simms added.

Of the six children admitted, four girls, including two sisters, were put into one orphanage and two boys, twins, were put into a different orphanage. But, within a couple of days, the soldiers were told that two of the girls had run away from the orphanage, and that the other four children all want to leave the orphanages.

"I would rather be free, even if I live in the street, than to be confined in a place, even if it is a palace," 10-year-old Aswan said, through a translator.

Simms said he has one more orphanage to assess, and that some of the children his team picked up might end up in that orphanage; but some of the children, who had lived in that orphanage before, said they had been beaten there and they certainly do not want to go back there.

"I understand they would rather be free, but it is just not safe for them to live in the street," Simms said.

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Spouses' night out

A Spouses' Night Out will be held 6 to 10 p.m., Friday at Club Stewart's Patriot Corner. There will be line dancing and ballroom dancing lessons at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be board games, music, snacks, cards and a beverage station. Child care is available, call CYS at 767-3203 for child care requirements.

Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills.

The Dog-Faced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets noon every second and fourth Wednesday at Club Stewart and is open to everyone.

For more information, call 767-0383 or email at Bowenja@stewart.army.mil.

Education Center hours

The Main Education Center and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 have expanded their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours until no longer needed.

Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Center, Building 1237, will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Swimming lessons

Classes are open to military adults and children, DoD civilians, retirees, National Guardsmen and Army Reservists.

The two-week sessions will be held at Corkan Gym and Bryan Village Pool during June and July. the cost is \$25 for youth and adults, \$15 for infants and toddlers.

Call 767-2312 to sign up for swimming lessons.

Prayer service

The installation commander announces a weekly prayer service, noon to 12:20 p.m., Thursdays at Marne Chapel. It is a prayer time for Remembrance and Hope.

CYS Central Registration

The CYS Central Registration, Building 443 will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Friday by appointment only; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only and all day Wednesday for walk-in. Pick up records from your child's program (SAS, CDC, FCC and YS) prior to update. For more information, call 767-2312.

Off Post

Parent's night out

Enjoy a night out while your kids have fun at the YMCA 5 to 10 p.m., Fridays and every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Rates per child, per hour are E-1 through E-4, \$1; E-5 through E-6, \$1.25 and all others, \$1.50. Children may bring swimsuits. Registration is required and may be completed when children are dropped off.

Art School Exhibit

Hospice Savannah will host the End of the Year Exhibit of Student Art Work 2003, May 1 to May 31 at the Hospice Savannah Art Gallery at 6711 LaRoche Avenue. The gallery is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

For more information, call 355-2289 or 691-1181.

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Idea becomes reality

Sgt. Raymond Piper
Editor

An idea began in May 2001 to build a Vietnam War memorial in the Liberty County and Fort Stewart area.

The idea came full circle when the memorial, LZ Liberty, was dedicated Saturday during a ceremony at the Fort Stewart Museum. The centerpiece of the monument is an UH-1H Iroquois, better known as the Huey that went by the moniker "Sidekick 11," during the Vietnam War.

"It is a great honor for Fort Stewart to be the site for The Liberty County Vietnam War veteran's memorial — LZ Liberty," said Col. Edwin Marrero, Fort Stewart Chief of Staff, during his speech.

"Thanks to the Vietnam Veteran's Of America, Chapter 789, Hinesville, we host this event sharing this museum's grounds with Hinesville and the other communities of Liberty County, just as our soldiers, their families, and the citizens of Liberty County share recreation facilities, schools and churches, for the good of all our citizens," he said.

The Huey had been part of the museum's outdoor display of vehicles. Through the Internet and the museum's archives, it was found to have spent most of its time as part of the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company,

based in Dong Ba Thinh, Vietnam, from 1968 to 1970.

"Hearing the sound of a Huey overhead was sometimes the greatest sound you could hear," said Wayne Watkins, a member of the memorial committee. "The guns are now silent in peace and now stands as a tribute to those who served during the Vietnam War."

During the ceremony, the attendees a recited the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for prisoners of war and comrades missing in action.

The keynote speaker for the event was retired Lt. Gen. James B. Vaught. He has served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars and has served in numerous command positions. Since his retirement from active military service in 1983, he has continued to work in with the military as a consultant and advisor to military and civilian agencies.

During his remarks to crowd, he spoke of his experiences throughout his career.

Vaught said, "I want to give honor to all of the American servicemembers who have served. One of the greatest things about our military is we have a cross section of the best people God ever put on this Earth."

Some of the Vietnam veterans here today, he continued, served multiple tours during the war.

"Some of the people here didn't have a choice. They were good Americans who believed in ideas such as honor and dignity and went," Vaught said.

A former pilot of "Sidekick 11," John D. Miles, spoke during the ceremony.

He said, "Army aviation was the coming of the new cavalry and the Huey led the way. Today we honor the Huey and the men who flew it."

Following Miles speech, pilots and aircrews from the 92nd AHC attending the ceremony were honored by the attendees.

The memorial dedication began with the raising of a POW/MIA flag that will fly above the monument day and night.

Floodlights were embedded at the base of the flagpole to light up the flag during the night.

Before "Taps" was played, the plaque was uncovered followed by a moment of silence.

After Watkins closing remarks and the ceremony ended, the attendees had the chance to mingle.

"For me and others as good comrades, today brings back a lot of memories about the things we have shared," said Henry O'Neal, color guard commander Liberty 789. "The memorial gives each Vietnam Veteran a chance to look back and see our accomplishments."



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Retired Capt. Henry O'Neal, color guard commander, salutes as "Taps" plays during the dedication ceremony Saturday.

Corporate partnership aims to increase spouse jobs

Victoria Palmer

USACFSC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Expanding employment opportunities for Army spouses while fulfilling corporate America's demand for skilled workers was the topic of the Army Spouse Employment Partnership Program working session in Arlington, Va., May 12.

Representatives from 17 corporations were among those who attended the meeting, coordinated by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center as a follow up to the Army Spouse Employment Summit hosted by the chief of staff of the Army in December 2002.

This month's meeting began with a welcome by program chairman John McLaurin III, deputy assistant secretary of the Army (Human Resources), who highlighted the qualities and values Army spouses bring to the workplace.

"Army spouses have values extremely important to the private sector," McLaurin said. "They know teamwork, they're flexible, they're

"They know teamwork, they're flexible, they're dedicated and they know how to get things done."

John McLaurin III

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army

dedicated and they know how to get things done."

With the goal to formalize the partnership working group structure, session participants worked together on clarifying the partnership mission, vision statement and goals, and developing guiding principles and action items.

Attendees also met in five work groups: critical success indicators, pilot program development, best practices, strategic communications and Web site development. The groups, each consisting of several corporate partners and an Army subject matter expert, will continue work over the next several months to develop the program.

"We're hoping to kick off the program with signed statements of com-

mitment by corporate partners at the beginning of the new fiscal year in October," said Nancy Whitsett, spouse employment partnership program manager at USACFSC. The program will then be implemented at pilot sites before going Army-wide, Whitsett said.

"This is a phenomenal process, a great project. I can't see how corporate America would lose, nor do I see how the Army could lose with this," said Delores Johnson, family programs director at USACFSC. "This is going to create jobs for spouses and give the corporate community access to a very talented, very diverse labor pool."

The diversity of employable candidates among Army spouses was of key interest to corporate attendees.

U.S. Army Soldier Show to perform at Mercer Theatre

Nancy Gould

Special to the Frontline

"Legacy," the theme of this year's U.S. Army Soldier Show performance, is scheduled June 12, 7 p.m., at the Savannah Civic Center's Johnny Mercer Theatre. Military personnel and civilians are invited to see this free, top-notched performance. Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis and doors are open one hour prior to performance time.

The show is a fast-paced, 90-minute, family-friendly musical medley featuring 17 soldiers performing a variety of music styles from current pop hits to patriotic, country to rhythm and blues, contemporary Latin to nostalgic rock and roll, and pays special tribute to Irving Berlin, the "founding father" of today's Army Entertainment program.

The troupe began a six-month tour in May, during which they will perform 103 shows at 57 locations in 21 states, the District of Columbia, Korea and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The cast and crew include active duty, National Guard and Reserve Component soldiers from 11 states, Japan, Korea and Germany.

New cast members are selected yearly. Aspiring soldiers worldwide submit application packages that include videotapes, biographies, photographs, and letters of recommendation from their commanders. Soldiers must have an outstanding record in their units as well as demonstrate musicality, movement, stage presence, and versatility. In addition to learning choreography, performers memorize as many as 40 songs ranging from current country, R&B, rap and rock chart-toppers to Broadway tunes, movie themes, oldies, soul, patriotic songs and even classical operatic pieces combined in solos, duets, group and high-energy, fast-paced production numbers.

Once on the road, soldiers work an average 14-hour day, 7 days a week for 6 months. Totally self-contained, the cast and crew offload, load, set-up, and dismantle up to 18 tons of equipment at each stop on the tour, including four miles of cable and 100 theatrical lights. During the tour, they will handle more than a million pounds of electrical, sound, stage and lighting gear. Soldiers have described it as the toughest duty outside of combat.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 912-767-3695/5117/5113 or 5116.



Victoria Palmer

Sgt. Ryan Murphy, a microwave systems operator, performs Garth Brooks' "Standing Outside the Fire."



And their spirit lives on in our memory ...



(Above) Soldiers with the 116th Band, Georgia National Guard, play the Army Song.
(Top) Even with a strong wind prevailing, attendees of a Vietnam veterans' candlelight memorial service Sunday evening managed to keep their candles lit, if only for a short time, to commemorate the loss of soldiers in the Vietnam War.
(Left) A firing team from Headquarters Co., Headquarters Cmd. launches a volley during a 21 gun salute.

Photos by Pfc. Emily Danial

Georgia patrons honor fallen soldiers from past, present on Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11 and was first observed May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Now it honors Americans who died in any war. It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May.

165th Airlift Wing celebrates Memorial Day

The 165th Airlift Wing hosted the 2003 Salute to the Armed Forces on the Riverfront Saturday in Savannah, Ga.

The memorial ceremony started off with the posting of the colors by the color guard. The color guard was made up of soldiers, sailors, Marines and members of the Coast Guard, said Air Force Col. Edward Wexler, vice commander of the 165th Airlift Wing.

The ceremony consisted of speakers from the different services, he said.

Afterwards, different aircrafts flew by over the riverfront. Then there was a demonstration from the Coast Guard on a search and rescue mission.

Throughout the day, the Air Force Guard band and the Army National Guard band played music for people to listen and dance to.

The purpose of this event is to give the public something to remind them that people are in the military and have given their lives for their country, Wexler said.

Candlelight service honors Vietnam veterans

A candlelight service, hosted by Chapter #671 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, was held Sunday evening in downtown Savannah to commemorate fallen soldiers in the Vietnam War, and if you didn't go, the number of Harley Davidsons parked along Bay Street could have assured you the event was well attended.

The ceremony began at 7:30 p.m. with a call to order and the presentation of the Colors by a VVA Color Guard. Chaplain (Capt.) Archie Simmons, of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) gave the invocation and benediction.

More than 100 names of fallen soldiers were spoken, as, despite the heavy winds, attendees lit their candles beside the memorial at Emmet Park.

Jerry Walker, a veteran who was part of the VVA Color Guard, served as a combat infantryman during the Vietnam War. "I think ceremonies like this are important," he said,

"because it gives us the opportunity to support other veterans."

Candles in hand, that's just what they did.

Hinesvilles honors fallen soldiers

The American Legion's Fred L. Ginter Post #168 held a Memorial Day service Monday.

The program started off with opening remarks by the Post #168 Commander Leonard (Matt) Dillon. At the start he announced the veterans and the war in which they served. At the end of the list, Dillon announced one of the newer veterans, a Marine that just finished serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We must not forget the veterans and our military."

Leonard (Matt) Dillon
Post #168 Commander

The United Hearts of Jesup sang the Nation Anthem and 116th Army Band of the Georgia National Guard accompanied them.

"Our motto for this year is 'Still Serving Proudly and remembering our veterans. You are not forgotten.' Too many times the important things in life are set aside," said Dillon. "We must not forget the veterans and the military."

Dillon retired as a first sergeant for 1st Battalion 64th Armor in 1984. He served from 1959 to 1984.

The guest speaker for the Memorial Day event was Lt. Col. Stephen J. Berg, Fort Stewart deputy staff judge advocate.

"How easy we forget," said Berg.

Berg refers to the way there was media coverage day by day when there was heavy fighting. And now that those days are gone, the media has shown less of the war that is ongoing.

"Laci Peterson, SARS and the playoffs now occupy the news," said Berg. "Even in Hinesville, people have forgotten. A day off and people would rather go fishing."

Berg invited everyone to go and see the living memorial on Fort Stewart, known as Warriors Walk. The memorial is identified by 35 redwood trees and stone markers that represent the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanize) soldiers who have fallen in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The soldiers serving today have the same values as those who've already served," said Berg.

A member of the Hinesville Fire Department rang the bell 11 times, once for each war that has been. When the names of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom were called, the bell was not rung.

"The bell did not ring for these two wars because they are ongoing," said Dillon.

At the close of the ceremony, all of those in attendance, stood and sang two verses of "America" and "America the Beautiful" accompanied by the members of the 116th.

Chatham County Posts honor fallen soldiers

In the heart of Savannah's Bonaventure Cemetery on Monday morning, a Memorial Day service was held to honor and remember those who've made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The ceremony, hosted by American Legion Chatham County Posts 36, 135, 154 and 184, included an address by Lt. Col. Michael Kershaw, commander of the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield.

George Foley, Veteran of the Year, and Staff Sgt. Justin Vickery of Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command at Hunter, laid the memorial wreath at the service.

A firing squad from Hq. Co., Hq. Cmd., under the direction of Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Whithers, provided a 21-gun salute for the event.

VA medical center remembers sacrifice

Col. James Leech, commander, United States Army Medical Department Activity at Winn Army Community Hospital, again spoke to veterans and their families Monday at Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin, Ga.

Leech said he was glad to be speaking because it closed the circle of world events since the last time he spoke at the medical center on Veterans Day.

For Veterans Day, he addressed the role of the 3rd Infantry Division as they prepared for war. Monday, he tearfully commemorated the soldiers who had fallen in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also thanked the veterans of past wars for helping to advance live-saving battlefield technology, such as the ability to use long-range missiles instead of bayonets.

"The fundamentals of war don't change. War is the organized taking of lives, for whatever reason. But this war wasn't like those of the past which claimed so many lives ..."

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— CHAPLAIN’S CORNER —

Steps to romantic love

Special to the Frontline

Meet Each Other’s Needs

Great lovers know each other’s most impor- tant emotional needs and meet them. Emotional needs vary from person to person, but include many of the items listed below. Which are most important to you? Which are most important to your spouse? Why not sit down together and discuss it? Some people think, “I shouldn’t have to tell my spouse what I want or need.” Sure you do! Not everyone reads minds.

Talk together, listen to each other, and evalu- ate where you are in your ability to meet each other’s most important emotional needs. Where there are weaknesses, make a plan to form new habits. If your plan doesn’t work they way you hoped, make a new plan. Common emotional needs in marriage include:

Admiration: Understanding and appreciat- ing the spouse more than anyone else. Never criticizing, but showing profound respect and admiration.

Affection: Expressing love in words, cards, gifts, hugs, touches, kisses, and courtesies. Creating an environment that clearly and repeatedly expresses love.

Attractiveness of spouse: Keeping physical- ly fit with diet and exercise. Wearing hair and clothing in a way that the spouse finds attractive and tasteful.

Conversation: Setting aside time each day to talk to each other about events of the day, feel- ings and plans. Avoiding angry or judgmental statements or dwelling on past mistakes. Showing interest in the spouse’s favorite topics of conversation.

Domestic support: Creating a home envi- ronment that offers a refuge from the stresses of life. Managing the home and care of the chil- dren in a way that encourages the spouse to be in the home enjoying the family.

Family commitment: Giving the family an appropriate priority with respect to work and leisure. Scheduling sufficient time and energy for the moral and educational development of the children. Reading to them and taking them on outings. Learning about appropriate child- training methods and discussing those methods with the spouse.

Financial support: Assuming responsibility to house, feed, and clothe the family at a stan- dard of living acceptable to the spouse.

Honesty and openness: Describing one’s own positive and negative feelings, events of one’s past, daily events and schedule, and plans for the future. Never leaving the spouse with a false impression.

Recreational companionship: Developing an interest in the favorite recreational activities of the spouse. Learning to be proficient in them,

and joining in those activities.

Sexual fulfillment: Understanding one’s own sexual response and that of the spouse. Learning to bring out the best of that response in both oneself and the other so that the sexual relationship is mutually satisfying and enjoy- able.

Don’t Hurt the One You Love

Life sometimes brings pain, but great lovers avoid being the cause of each other’s pain and discomfort whenever possible. The following behaviors are all too common and are com- pletely unnecessary. They always bring pain and are never appropriate in a marriage. You’ll have a happier, stronger, more complete rela- tionship if you stop doing them today.

Angry outbursts: Deliberate attempts to hurt the other person because of anger, whether in the form of verbal or physical attacks, are always wrong. Angry outbursts never solve marital problems.

Annoying behavior: If your mate thinks something you do is gross, disgusting, distaste- ful, rude or just plain annoying, knock it off. Such things might not seem important, but they tear at the fabric of a relationship.

Dishonesty: Truthfulness is the key to trust, and trust is the key to love. Failure to reveal cor- rect information about your thoughts, emo- tions, personal history, daily activities and plans for the future destroys trust. Your mate deserves complete honesty. While the truth is sometimes painful, a lie is always deadly.

Disrespectful judgments: Putting down your loved one’s beliefs, feelings, character, values, competence, intelligence, or appear- ance destroys relationships. Ridicule, sar- casm, and lecturing will not get you what you want.

Independent behavior: Conduct of one spouse that ignores the interests and feelings of the other.

Selfish demands: Always work on the prin- ciple of “enthusiastic agreement.” You can’t force your mate to do anything with threats of punishment and still expect love to grow. Punishment, by the way, even includes things like withholding affection or companionship. Sure, people in love make requests of each other. But they also leave each other free to say “yes” or “no”.

Spend Time Together

It takes time and energy to grow stronger, happier relationships. In great marriages, hus- bands and wives give each other that time and their undivided attention. They use this time to meet the needs of affection, sexual fulfillment, conversation and recreational companionship. They insure privacy by scheduling time togeth- er that does not include children, relatives or friends.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday “Protestant Worship”	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum’ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Contemporary Service		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.



Pet of the Week

Snowball is a 2-year-old male cat that was left on the door step of the Veterinary Clinic. He needs a home and some loving care.

If interested in adopting a cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.

SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts opened

The Hunter gym's basketball courts are newly renovated and now open.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

Classes are held 5 to 6 p.m. for children and 6 to 7 p.m. for teens and adults, Tuesday and Thursday at Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Road in Bryan Village next to the shoppette.

The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Marne tournaments

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. For more information, call 767-4866.

Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only.

Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031.

Golf course

Taylor's Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

• **Troops Tune Up**, a soldiers free clinic, is held every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **A Ladies Free Clinic** is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

• **A "Junior Golf Academy"** is scheduled to be held during the summer.

Anyone who wants to schedule a fundraising event for Family Support Groups, Unit Activities or a private organization is asked to contact Charlie Dobberty at 767-2370.

Pool passes

Pool passes will be available May 23. Call Andy Arrington, DCAS Aquatic Director, at 767-3034 for more information.

Picnic areas

Picnic areas are available at Fort Stewart and Hunter. To reserve the picnic areas, call Outdoor Recreation Center at 767-8609.

The center also rents boats, trailers and kayaks, as well as small items such as cookers, pots and pans.

Off Post

Firecracker 5000

The Island Packet Firecracker 5000 Road Race and Fun Walk will be held 8 a.m. July 4 at the Mall at Shelter cove.

Runners from all over the United States participate in this Independence Day Event. It is the largest road race in Beaufort County and will be limited to the first 1,000 participants registered.

For more information or to register, contact Bear Foot Sports at (843)379-3440 or register online at www.bearfootsports.com.

10K & 5K Road Race

Second Annual Army Hooah Road Race to be held 7:30 (5K) and 7:45 (10K) a.m., Saturday, June 7. Registration fee is \$10.

For more information call 770-920-2881, 404-464-8119, or visit Margaret.Bozgoz@usarc-emh2.army.mil

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A young girl makes a big splash after going down the waterslide. The on-post pools offer a clean and safe environment for summer fun.

Splash into summer fun

Sgt. Mary L. Jones

107th MPAD

It takes forty soldiers to run and operate the three outdoor swimming pools at Fort Stewart and Hunter Airfield throughout the summer but with so many military personnel away on deployment, full time staffers got a little nervous.

"I was getting worried," said Jay Morrison, who's in his 8th year supporting the aquatic program, four of which was as a soldier stationed at Fort Stewart. "The kids and family members really came through".

This summer the forty-soldier detail is mainly made up of young adults and family members of deployed soldiers who are volunteering their time and as a result, the pools officially opened on time Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of summer.

Operating Hours

There are two outdoor pools located at Fort Stewart. Corkan pool, which has a capacity of 200, is adjacent to Newman Fitness Center and Bryan Village pool, a smaller pool with a 120 capacity, is located in the family housing area. Both pools will open 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily except Mondays and Tuesdays when they are both closed. Hunter Airfield has one outdoor pool, Hunter pool, located on its main post. Hunter pool is currently closed for the installation of a new water slide but should be up and running the second week in June. It too will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. All three outdoor pools have a water slide and Corkan also has a kiddy pool.

Fully staffed including life-guards, certified and trained by the American Red Cross. They supply the life jackets and child floatation devices "arm floaties" for the children.

There is a nominal fee of \$1 per visit or a frequent user can purchase an annual pass for \$12. A family or group can purchase an annual pass for \$35.

No parental supervision is required for children ages 10 and

up with a valid military ID. Someone over the age of 16 with a valid military ID must accompany children under the age of 10.

Swim Classes Offered

Youth Services is offering swimming courses throughout the summer for all age groups and swimming ability. Individuals interested in learning how to swim can sign up for classes due to begin June 16. The fee for adults and children is \$25 per session and \$15 for the toddler age group. All classes are 30 minutes long and held Monday through Thursday with Friday being an alternate makeup day for inclement weather cancellation.

The last swim lessons are due to end August 1st. Toddler and Infant classes will be held on Saturdays only. Infant age range is 3 months to 18 months and Toddlers are 18 months to 3 years. A parent must be in the water with the child in this age group.

There are several benefits to the pools on post:

- The area is supervised by a life-guard(s).
- The water is clean and safe.
- The facility is clean and well maintained.
- No electrical equipment or power lines are in the area.
- Emergency communications and safety equipment are available.
- The depth of the water is marked.
- Life lines separate the shallow from the deep water.

Make sure you supervise children and that they understand the rules at the facility. Keep these Water/Pool safety tips in mind:

- Learn to swim. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim—this includes adults and children.
- Never leave a child unobserved around water. Maintain constant supervision. Watch children around any water environment, no matter what skills your child has acquired and no matter how shallow the water.
- Don't rely on substitutes. The use of flotation devices and inflatable toys cannot replace parental supervision.



Children beat the summer heat as they play in the Bryan Village pool.

vision. Such devices could suddenly shift position, lose air, or slip out from underneath, leaving the child in a dangerous situation.

- Enroll children in a water safety course or Learn to Swim program.

The pools will remain open throughout the summer and close at

the end of Labor Day weekend. Pools do close without notice for inclement weather. There are snacks and soda machines on site. For more information, call Corkan Pool at 767-8575, Bryan Village Pool at 767-2701 and Hunter Pool #1 at 352-5562.

Marne Scoreboard

Youth Baseball

Youth Services T-Ball League

Today, 6 p.m. — Marlin v. Rockies
Today, 7 p.m. — Pirates v. Rangers
Friday, 6 p.m. — Dodgers v. Marlins
Friday, 7 p.m. — Pirates v. Braves
All games will be played at Bryan Village Field 24

7-8 Pee Wee League

Today, 6 p.m. — Mets v. Expos
Tuesday, 6 p.m. — Mets v. Braves
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Braves v. Expos
All games will be played at Field 18

9-10 Mite League

Monday, 6 p.m. — Pirates v. Dodgers
Monday, 7 p.m. — Yankees v. Mariners
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Dodgers v. Yankees
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Mariners v. Pirates
All games will be played at Field 16

12 Under Midget Girls CAA League

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Tigers v. Pooler 1
Home games will be played at Field 18

Hunter Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping
Cardio-Kicking
Buns/Thighs Weights
AB Work Stretch

Wednesday — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping
Low Impact
Jump Rope
Weights
AB Work Stretch

Aerobics

Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.

Fun Fridays
Party Dance
Yoga Stretches

Spring Schedule

Spring schedule for softball, racquetball and tennis

Call 767-8326 to sign up.

Softball League	May 3-June 26
Softball Tournament	July 7-10
Racquetball Tournament	June 14 & 15
Tennis League	June 9-26

Got Scores? Contact the *Frontline* staff at 767-3440 or e-mail Frontline@stewart.army.mil.

Volunteer Spotlight



WOODRUFF THEATER

May 29 — Jun 4



Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Head of State (PG-13)

Starring: Chris Rock, Bernie Mac
Free Showing Tonight at 7 p.m.
When a presidential candidate dies unexpectedly, Washington, D.C. alderman Mays Gilliam, is thrust into the international spotlight of presidential politics.
Run Time: 95 minutes

Anger Management (PG-13)

Starring: Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson
Free Showing Friday and Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m.
A young mild-mannered businessman is wrongly accused of a crime and sentenced to an anger management program. His instructor is a crazed psycho with his own anger problems capable of making his new student blow his lid.
Run Time: 101 minutes

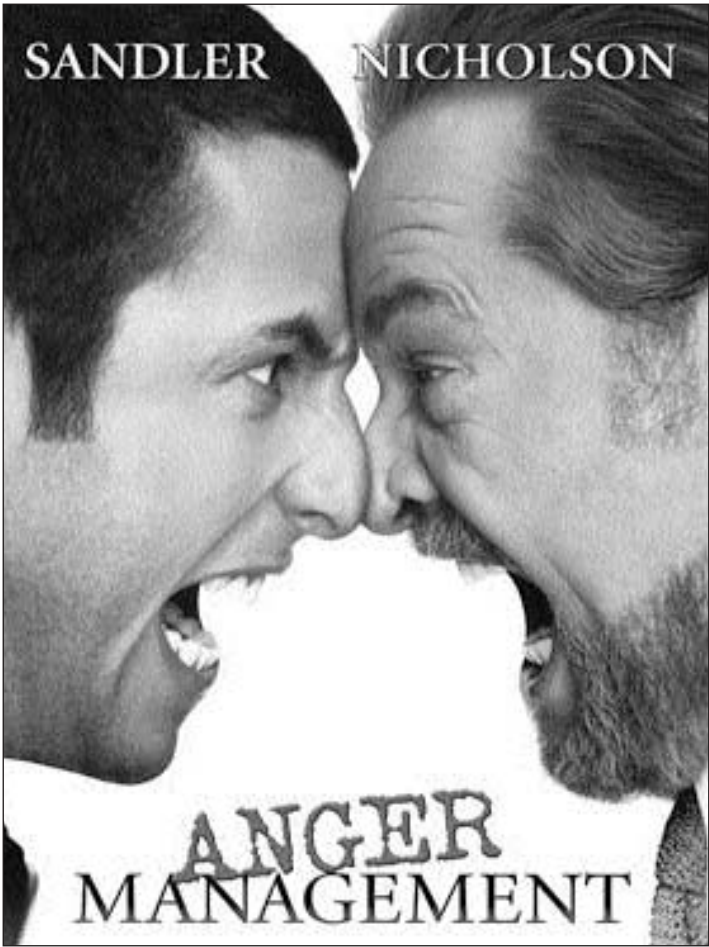
Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13)

Starring: Jamie Kennedy, Anthony Anderson
Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.
Candidate for Governor of California is worried about his campaign when he finds out his son is a wannabee rap star from Malibu. He has his son kidnapped and dropped off in the "hood" to scare the ghettofied attitude and behavior out of him.
Run Time: 86 minutes

View From The Top (PG-13)

Starring: Gwyneth Paltrow, Christina Applegate
Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Donna dreams of becoming an international flight attendant and is willing to do whatever is necessary. On the road to success she encounters more turbulence than she bargained for.
Run Time: 87 minutes

Free Showing
Friday — Head of State
Saturday and Sunday — Anger Management



Lynn Grantham



Ly n n Grantham, a native of Ludowici, Ga., is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital.

She volunteers in the Intensive Care and Post Anesthetic Care Unit.

"I volunteer because I like to spend my time with people that I may be able to help," Grantham said.

Her hobbies include reading and taking walks.

If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to **Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil**.

Birth announcements

May 6
Carlie Jordan Wilson, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Cpl. Kevin Wilson and Renee Wilson.

May 12
Elizabeth Nicole Emrick, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Jeffery Lee Emrick and Connie M. Emrick.
Emiere Rashaad Marshall, a boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. Ellandria Marshall.

May 13
Krista Lynn Rosa, a girl, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Brian Rosa and Bonnie Rosa.
Taylor Joyce Brook Hastings, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rodney Hastings and Tammera Hastings.

May 14
Jamil Syngen Carmichael, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Jamar Delong Carmichael and Pfc. Jamie Lynn Edmond.
Daviana Camillia Henderlong, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Sgt. David Christopher Henderlong and Diloobar Henderlong.

May 15
Nelaya Gabrielle Veiga, a girl, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Kimberly Veiga.
Mackinsey Jade Boyd, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Gillam Boyd and Heather Boyd.

May 16
Zoe Irene Poole, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Jay Vincent Poole and Melissa Joy Poole.

May 17
Nathaniel Ellis Farnsworth, a boy, 9 pounds, born to Pfc. Matthew Farnsworth and Raechel Farnsworth.

May 18
Neveah Vawn Jenkins, a girl, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Pfc. Blair Quentin Harold Jenkins and Brittany Gaylord Jenkins.
Sebastian Gonzalez-Nossa, a boy, 9 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Rigoberto Gonzalez-Nossa and Paulina M. Durango.

May 19
Timothy Dewayne Anthony Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Timothy Dewayne and Laverne Louise Anthony.